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H. R. 1422

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit the acceptance by political committees of online contributions from certain unverified sources, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOSAR (for himself, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. COOPER, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. NEWHOUSE, and Mrs. KIRKPATRICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Stop Foreign Dona-
5 tions Affecting Our Elections Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING DISCLOSURE OF CREDIT VERIFICATION**
2 **VALUE AS CONDITION OF ACCEPTANCE OF**
3 **ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS TO FEDERAL ELEC-**
4 **TION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 302 of the Federal Elec-
6 tion Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30102) is amended
7 by adding at the end the following:

8 “(j)(1) No political committee shall accept any Inter-
9 net credit card contribution unless—

10 “(A) the individual or entity making such con-
11 tribution is required, at the time such individual
12 makes such contribution, to disclose the credit
13 verification value of such credit card; and

14 “(B)(i) the billing address associated with such
15 credit card is located in the United States; or

16 “(ii) in the case of a contribution made by an
17 individual who is a United States citizen living out-
18 side of the United States, the individual provides the
19 committee with the United States mailing address
20 the individual uses for voter registration purposes.

21 “(2) Notwithstanding subsection (b) or (c), in the
22 case of an Internet credit card contribution—

23 “(A) no later than 10 days after receiving the
24 contribution, the person who receives the contribu-
25 tion shall forward to the treasurer such contribution,

1 the name and address of the person making the con-
2 tribution, and the date of receipt; and

3 “(B) the treasurer of a political committee shall
4 keep an account of the name and address of any
5 person making any such contribution, together with
6 the date and amount of such contribution by any
7 person.

8 “(3) In this subsection, the term ‘Internet credit card
9 contribution’ means a contribution that—

10 “(A) is made using a credit card; and

11 “(B) is received through an Internet website.”.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
13 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to contributions
14 made after the expiration of the 180-day period which be-
15 gins on the date of the enactment of this Act.

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