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# H. R. 2486

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CRAIG introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## 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 “Closing the Congres-  
5 sional Revolving Door Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING FORMER MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**  
2 **OF CONGRESS FROM LOBBYING CONGRESS.**

3 (a) PROHIBITION.—Section 207(e)(1) of title 18,  
4 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

5 “(1) MEMBERS AND ELECTED OFFICERS OF  
6 CONGRESS.—Any person who is a Senator, a Mem-  
7 ber of the House of Representatives, or an elected  
8 officer of the Senate or the House of Representa-  
9 tives and who, after that person leaves office, know-  
10 ingly makes, with the intent to influence, any com-  
11 munication to or appearance before any Member, of-  
12 ficer, or employee of either House of Congress or  
13 any employee of any other legislative office of the  
14 Congress, on behalf of any other person (except the  
15 United States) in connection with any matter on  
16 which such former Senator, Member, or elected offi-  
17 cial seeks action by a Member, officer, or employee  
18 of either House of Congress, in his or her official ca-  
19 pacity, shall be punished as provided in section 216  
20 of this title.”.

21 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 207(e)(2)  
22 of such title is amended—

23 (1) in the heading, by striking “OFFICERS AND  
24 STAFF” and inserting “STAFF”;

25 (2) by striking “an elected officer of the Senate,  
26 or”;

1           (3) by striking “leaves office or employment”  
2           and inserting “leaves employment”; and

3           (4) by striking “former elected officer or”.

4           (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
5 this section shall apply with respect to an individual who  
6 leaves office on or after the date of the enactment of this  
7 Act.

8 **SEC. 3. BENEFITS AND SERVICES PROVIDED TO FORMER**  
9                           **MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-**  
10                           **TIVES.**

11           (a) BENEFITS AND SERVICES DESCRIBED.—The  
12 House of Representatives may not make any of the fol-  
13 lowing benefits and services available to an individual who  
14 becomes a former Member of the House (except to the  
15 extent such benefits and services are made available to  
16 members of the public):

17           (1) Access to the Hall of the House.

18           (2) Access to athletic facilities and other facili-  
19 ties available for the use of Members of the House.

20           (3) Access to the Members’ Dining Room lo-  
21 cated in the House of Representatives wing of the  
22 United States Capitol.

23           (4) Access to parking spaces.

24           (5) Access to material from the House docu-  
25 ment room.

1           (6) Use of the collections in the House Legisla-  
2           tive Resource Center without borrowing privileges.

3           (b) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—

4           (1) AUTHORITY TO WAIVE ELIMINATION OF  
5           BENEFIT OR SERVICE.—The Speaker and the minor-  
6           ity leader of the House of Representatives may joint-  
7           ly, on a case-by-case basis, grant a waiver of sub-  
8           section (a) with respect to a former Member of the  
9           House and a benefit or service described in such  
10          subsection.

11          (2) PUBLICATION IN CONGRESSIONAL  
12          RECORD.—If the Speaker and the minority leader  
13          jointly grant a waiver under paragraph (1) to make  
14          a benefit or service available to a former Member,  
15          the Speaker and minority leader shall, not later than  
16          24 hours after the waiver is granted, caused to have  
17          published in the Congressional Record a statement  
18          identifying the former Member and the benefit or  
19          service involved.

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