

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4271

To prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from awarding contracts for public relations, market research, or other similar activities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 16, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Missouri introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Science, Space, and Technology, 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

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 “End EPA Advertising
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON PUBLIC RELATIONS CON-**
2 **TRACTING BY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**
3 **AGENCY.**

4 (a) **PROHIBITION.**—The Administrator of the Envi-
5 ronmental Protection Agency may not award any contract
6 for public relations, market research, or other similar ac-
7 tivities.

8 (b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this Act:

9 (1) **PUBLIC RELATIONS.**—The term “public re-
10 lations” includes writing services, event planning
11 and management, media relations, radio and tele-
12 vision analysis, and press services.

13 (2) **MARKET RESEARCH.**—The term “market
14 research” includes telephone and field interviews,
15 focus testing, and surveys.

16 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—This section shall apply with
17 respect to contracts awarded on or after the date of the
18 enactment of this Act.

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