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H. R. 5330

To amend title 44 of the United States Code to prohibit the National Archives and Records Administration from including content warnings alongside founding documents of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

Mr. CRENSHAW introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

A BILL

To amend title 44 of the United States Code to prohibit the National Archives and Records Administration from including content warnings alongside founding documents of the United States.

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 “National Treasures
5 Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS**
2 **ADMINISTRATION CONTENT WARNINGS.**

3 (a) Chapter 21 of title 44 of the United States Code
4 is amended by adding at the end of section 2109 the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(1) The National Archives and Records Ad-
7 ministration may not attach to or associate with any
8 document drafted in whole or in part by a Founding
9 Father of the United States any content warning.

10 “(A) Content warnings may not be dis-
11 played as part of the exhibition of any quali-
12 fying documents in any public display operated
13 by the National Archives and Records Adminis-
14 tration.

15 “(B) Content warnings may not be dis-
16 played on the website of the National Archives
17 and Records Administration nor on any other
18 website operated by the agency.

19 “(C) The National Archives and Records
20 Administration is prohibited from making any
21 changes to the Archives’ Rotunda or other
22 spaces under its jurisdiction that display docu-
23 ments or artifacts to the public except insofar
24 as changes are necessary for maintenance, rou-
25 tine operations, or repairs.

26 “(2) DEFINITIONS.—

1 “(A) ‘Content warning’ is defined as any
2 message preceding or attached to the document
3 labeling it as dangerous, harmful, anachronistic,
4 or any other terms implying harm associated
5 with the documents, disparaging the documents,
6 assuming malicious intent on the part of the
7 authors, or discouraging potential readers from
8 reading the documents.

9 “(B) ‘Founding Father of the United
10 States’ is defined as any individual who signed
11 the Declaration of Independence, served as an
12 officer in the Revolutionary War, attended the
13 Second Continental Congress, attended the
14 Constitutional Convention, or an individual
15 granted a charter for one of the original thir-
16 teen colonies.

17 “(C) ‘Qualifying document’ is defined as
18 any document, text, manuscript, book, letter,
19 pamphlet, government document, artifact, arti-
20 cle of clothing, costume, or item written in
21 whole or in part, once belonging to, or associ-
22 ated with in public display, a Founding Father
23 of the United States.”.

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