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To prohibit the use of appropriated funds for publicity, propaganda, or certain lobbying purposes, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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 “No Taxpayer-Funded
5 Lobbying Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR PUBLICITY,**
7 **PROPAGANDA, AND CERTAIN LOBBYING PUR-**
8 **POSES.**

9 (a) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—No part of
10 the funds appropriated or made available by any Act may

1 be used, other than for normal and recognized Federal ex-
2 ecutive-legislative relationships, for publicity or propa-
3 ganda purposes, for the preparation, distribution, or use
4 of any kit, pamphlet, booklet, publication, electronic com-
5 munication, radio, television, or video presentation that
6 is—

7 (1) designed to support or defeat the enactment
8 of legislation before the Congress or any State or
9 local legislature or legislative body, except in presen-
10 tation by an officer or employee of the United States
11 or its departments or agencies directly to the Con-
12 gress; or

13 (2) designed to support or defeat any proposed
14 or pending regulation, administrative action, or
15 order issued by the executive branch of any State or
16 local government.

17 (b) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR SALA-
18 RIES.—No part of the funds appropriated or made avail-
19 able by any Act may be used to pay the salary or expenses
20 of the recipient of any Federal grant or Federal contract,
21 or agent acting for such recipient, related to any activity
22 that is—

23 (1) designed to influence the enactment of legis-
24 lation before the Congress or any State or local leg-
25 islature or legislative body, or

1 (2) designed to influence any regulation, admin-
2 istrative action, or Executive order proposed or
3 pending before any State government, State legisla-
4 ture, or local legislature or legislative body,
5 other than for participation by an officer or employee of
6 the United States or its departments or agencies in normal
7 and recognized Federal executive-legislative relationships.

8 (c) CONSTRUCTION.—The prohibitions in subsections
9 (a) and (b) shall include prohibitions on any activity to
10 advocate or promote any proposed, pending, or future
11 Federal, State, or local tax increase, or any proposed,
12 pending, or future requirement or restriction on any legal
13 consumer product, including its sale or marketing, includ-
14 ing but not limited to the advocacy or promotion of gun
15 control.

16 (d) CERTIFICATION.—Each recipient of funds appro-
17 priated or made available by any Act of Congress shall,
18 as a condition of the receipt of the funds, certify in writing
19 that the recipient is in compliance with this section, sec-
20 tion 1913 of title 18, United States Code, and section
21 1352 of title 31, United States Code.

22 (e) PENALTIES.—A violation of this section shall con-
23 stitute a violation of section 1352 of title 31, United
24 States Code, in addition to any other penalty that applies.

1 (f) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the
2 terms “agency”, “Federal contract”, “Federal grant”,
3 “local government”, “reasonable compensation”, “recipi-
4 ent”, and “State” have the meanings given those terms
5 in section 1352 of title 31, United States Code, as those
6 terms apply to Federal contracts and Federal grants.

7 (g) APPLICABILITY.—This section applies to funds
8 appropriated or made available before, on, or after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act that are used on or after
10 such date of enactment.

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