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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 25 (legislative day, JANUARY 5), 2011

Mr. VITTER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Protect Taxpayers
5 From ACORN Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITIONS ON FEDERAL FUNDS AND OTHER**
2 **ACTIVITIES WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN IN-**
3 **DICTED ORGANIZATIONS.**

4 (a) PROHIBITIONS.—With respect to any covered or-
5 ganization, the following prohibitions apply:

6 (1) No Federal contract, grant, cooperative
7 agreement, or any other form of agreement (includ-
8 ing a memorandum of understanding) may be
9 awarded to or entered into with the organization.

10 (2) No Federal funds in any other form may be
11 provided to the organization.

12 (3) No Federal employee or contractor may
13 promote in any way (including recommending to a
14 person or referring to a person for any purpose) the
15 organization.

16 (b) COVERED ORGANIZATION.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—In this section, the term
18 “covered organization” means the Association of
19 Community Organizations for Reform Now (in this
20 subsection referred to as “ACORN”) and any
21 ACORN-related affiliate, including the New York
22 Communities for Change, Affordable Housing Cen-
23 ters of America, Alliance of Californians for Commu-
24 nity Empowerment, New England United for Jus-
25 tice, Arkansas Community Organizations, A Com-
26 munity Voice, Missourians Organizing for Reform

1 and Empowerment, Organization United for Reform,
 2 Minnesota Neighborhoods Organizing for Change,
 3 Pennsylvania Communities Organizing for Change,
 4 Social Justice, Inc, the Texas Organizing Project,
 5 and the Texas Organizing Project Education Fund.

6 (2) ACORN-RELATED AFFILIATE.—The term
 7 “ACORN-related affiliate” means any of the fol-
 8 lowing:

9 (A) Any State chapter of ACORN reg-
 10 istered with the Secretary of State’s office in
 11 that State.

12 (B) Any organization that shares directors
 13 or employees with ACORN.

14 (C) Any organization that has a financial
 15 stake in ACORN.

16 (D) Any organization whose finances,
 17 whether federally funded, donor-funded, or
 18 raised through organizational goods and serv-
 19 ices, are shared or controlled by ACORN.

20 (e) REVISION OF FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULA-
 21 TION.—The Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council shall
 22 amend the Federal Acquisition Regulation to carry out the
 23 provisions of this Act relating to contracts.

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