

113TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1315

To direct the Federal Trade Commission to revise the regulations regarding the Do-not-call registry to prohibit politically-oriented recorded message telephone calls to telephone numbers listed on that registry.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 21, 2013

Ms. FOXX (for herself and Mr. YOUNG of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Robo Calls Off Phones
5 Act” or the “Robo COP Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. POLITICALLY-ORIENTED RECORDED MESSAGE**
2 **PHONE CALLS PROHIBITED.**

3 (a) PROHIBITED.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
4 sion of law, the Federal Trade Commission shall, not later
5 than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act,
6 revise the do-not-call registry provisions of the Tele-
7 marketing Sales Rule (16 C.F.R. 310.1 et seq.) to prohibit
8 politically-oriented recorded message telephone calls to
9 telephone numbers listed on that registry.

10 (b) DEFINITION OF POLITICALLY-ORIENTED RE-
11 CORDED MESSAGE CALLS.—For purposes of this section,
12 the term “politically-oriented recorded message telephone
13 call” means any outbound telephone call—

14 (1) in which a person is not available to speak
15 with the person answering the call, and the call in-
16 stead plays a recorded message; and

17 (2)(A) the purpose of which is to promote, ad-
18 vertise, campaign, or solicit donations, for or against
19 any political candidate or regarding any political
20 issue; or

21 (B) uses in the recorded message any political
22 candidate’s name.

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