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To promote election integrity, voter confidence, and faith in elections by protecting political speech, and for other purposes.

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Mr. ARMSTRONG introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Financial Services, and Oversight and Accountability, 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 “First Amendment Pro-
5 tection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

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1 **TITLE I—PROTECTING**
 2 **POLITICAL SPEECH**

3 **SEC. 101. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) The structure of the Constitution and its
 6 amendments represents the radical idea that any
 7 sovereign power exercised by the Federal Govern-
 8 ment flows either directly from the people or
 9 through the States they established to govern them-
 10 selves. In the words of the Ninth and Tenth Amend-
 11 ments, “[t]he enumeration in the Constitution, of
 12 certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or dis-
 13 parage others retained by the people.” “The powers
 14 not delegated to the United States by the Constitu-
 15 tion, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved
 16 to the States respectively, or to the people.”.

17 (2) Among the many freedoms it protects, the
 18 First Amendment prevents Congress from making
 19 any law abridging the freedom of speech, the right
 20 of the people peaceably to assemble, or the right of

1 the people to petition the Government for the re-
2 dress of grievances.

3 (3) Any proposed Federal action concerning
4 freedom of speech, protest, or petition must start
5 with an analysis of the First Amendment. Congress
6 must ask whether the proposed action would abridge
7 these freedoms, and any uncertainty must be deter-
8 mined in favor of fewer restrictions on speech.

9 (4) In particular, political speech, uttered in the
10 furtherance of self-government, must raise an even
11 higher bar to congressional abridgement. The mech-
12 anisms and media used to offer political speech must
13 realize the same protections.

14 (5) As the Supreme Court has recognized, the
15 Constitution grants Congress only a very narrow in-
16 terest in the regulation of political speech, the pre-
17 vention of corruption or the appearance of corrup-
18 tion.

19 (6) In order to uphold and effectuate the Con-
20 stitution, any Federal statute that goes beyond this
21 interest must be repealed, and Congress must exer-
22 cise its article 1 authorities to do so.

1 **SEC. 102. REPEAL OF LIMITS ON COORDINATED POLITICAL**
2 **PARTY EXPENDITURES.**

3 (a) REPEAL OF LIMITS.—Section 315(d) of the Fed-
4 eral Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30116(d))
5 is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1)—

7 (A) by striking “may make expenditures”
8 and inserting “may make expenditures, includ-
9 ing coordinated expenditures,”; and

10 (B) by striking “Federal office, subject to
11 the limitations contained in paragraphs (2), (3),
12 and (4) of this subsection” and inserting “Fed-
13 eral office in any amount”; and

14 (2) by striking paragraphs (2), (3), (4), and
15 (5).

16 (b) CLARIFYING TREATMENT OF CERTAIN PARTY
17 COMMUNICATIONS AS COORDINATED EXPENDITURES.—

18 Section 315(d) of such Act (52 U.S.C. 30116(d)), as
19 amended by subsection (a), is amended by adding at the
20 end the following new paragraph:

21 “(2) For purposes of this subsection, if a public com-
22 munication paid for by a committee of a political party
23 or its agent refers to a clearly identified House or Senate
24 candidate and is publicly distributed or otherwise publicly
25 disseminated in the clearly identified candidate’s jurisdic-
26 tion, the communication shall be treated as a coordinated

1 expenditure in connection with the campaign of a can-
2 didate for purposes of this subsection.”.

3 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO INDEX-
4 ING.—Section 315(c) of such Act (52 U.S.C. 30116(c))
5 is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1)(B)(i), by striking “(d),”;
7 and

8 (2) in paragraph (2)(B)(i), by striking “sub-
9 sections (b) and (d)” and inserting “subsection (b)”.

10 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
11 this section shall apply with respect to elections held dur-
12 ing 2024 or any succeeding year.

13 **SEC. 103. REPEAL OF LIMIT ON AGGREGATE CONTRIBU-**
14 **TIONS BY INDIVIDUALS.**

15 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that the Supreme
16 Court of the United States in *McCutcheon v. FEC*, 572
17 U.S. 185 (2014) determined the biennial aggregate limits
18 under section 315(a)(3) of the Federal Election Campaign
19 Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30116(a)(3)) to be unconstitu-
20 tional.

21 (b) REPEAL.—Section 315(a) of the Federal Election
22 Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30116(a)) is amended
23 by striking paragraph (3).

24 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 315(c) of
25 such Act (52 U.S.C. 30116(c)) is amended by striking

1 “(a)(3),” each place it appears in paragraph (1)(B)(i),
2 (1)(C), and (2)(B)(ii).

3 **SEC. 104. EQUALIZATION OF CONTRIBUTION LIMITS TO**
4 **STATE AND NATIONAL POLITICAL PARTY**
5 **COMMITTEES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 315(a)(1) of the Federal
7 Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30116(a)(1))
8 is amended—

9 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “a na-
10 tional political party” and inserting “a national or
11 State political party”;

12 (2) by adding “or” at the end of subparagraph
13 (B);

14 (3) in subparagraph (C), by striking “; or” and
15 inserting a period; and

16 (4) by striking subparagraph (D).

17 (b) CONTRIBUTIONS BY MULTICANDIDATE POLIT-
18 ICAL COMMITTEES.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 315(a)(2)(B) of
20 such Act (52 U.S.C. 30116(a)(2)(B)) is amended by
21 striking “a national political party” and inserting “a
22 national or State political party”.

23 (2) PRICE INDEX ADJUSTMENT.—Section
24 315(c) of such Act (52 U.S.C. 30116(c)) is amend-
25 ed—

1 (A) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end
2 the following new subparagraph:

3 “(D) In any calendar year after 2022—

4 “(i) a threshold established by subsection (a)(2)
5 shall be increased by the percent difference deter-
6 mined under subparagraph (A);

7 “(ii) each amount so increased shall remain in
8 effect for the calendar year; and

9 “(iii) if any amount after adjustment under
10 clause (i) is not a multiple of \$100, such amount
11 shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of \$100.”;
12 and

13 (B) in paragraph (2)(B)—

14 (i) in clause (i), by striking “and” at
15 the end;

16 (ii) in clause (ii), by striking the pe-
17 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

18 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
19 lowing new clause:

20 “(iii) for purposes of subsection (a)(2), cal-
21 endar year 2023.”.

22 (c) ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS FOR
23 CERTAIN ACCOUNTS.—

24 (1) PERMITTING ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL
25 AMOUNTS IN SAME MANNER AS NATIONAL PAR-

1 TIES.—Section 315(a) of such Act (52 U.S.C.
2 30116(a)) is amended—

3 (A) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking
4 “paragraph (9)” and inserting “paragraph (9)
5 or paragraph (10)”; and

6 (B) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking
7 “paragraph (9)” and inserting “paragraph (9)
8 or paragraph (10)”.

9 (2) ACCOUNTS.—Section 315(a)(9) of such Act
10 (52 U.S.C. 30116(a)(9)) is amended by striking
11 “national committee of a political party” each place
12 it appears in subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) and
13 inserting “committee of a national or State political
14 party”.

15 (3) STATE PARTY CONVENTION ACCOUNTS DE-
16 SCRIBED.—Section 315(a) of such Act (52 U.S.C.
17 30116(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
18 lowing new paragraph:

19 “(10) An account described in this paragraph is a
20 separate, segregated account of a political committee es-
21 tablished and maintained by a State committee of a polit-
22 ical party which is used solely to defray—

23 “(A) expenses incurred with respect to carrying
24 out State party nominating activities or other party-
25 building conventions;

1 “(B) expenses incurred with respect to pro-
2 viding for the attendance of delegates at a presi-
3 dential nominating convention, but only to the extent
4 that such expenses are not paid for from the account
5 described in paragraph (9)(A); or

6 “(C) expenses incurred with respect to carrying
7 out local, county, or district conventions or pro-
8 ceedings to elect delegates to a State party conven-
9 tion.”.

10 (d) CLARIFICATION OF INDEXING OF AMOUNTS TO
11 ENSURE EQUALIZATION OF PARTY CONTRIBUTION LIM-
12 ITS.—For purposes of applying section 315(c) of such Act
13 (52 U.S.C. 30116(c)) to limits on the amount of contribu-
14 tions to political committees established and maintained
15 by a State political party, the amendments made by this
16 section shall be considered to have been included in section
17 307 of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002
18 (Public Law 107–55; 116 Stat. 102).

19 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
20 this section shall apply with respect to elections held dur-
21 ing 2024 or any succeeding year.

1 **SEC. 105. EXPANSION OF PERMISSIBLE FEDERAL ELEC-**
2 **TION ACTIVITY BY STATE AND LOCAL POLIT-**
3 **ICAL PARTIES.**

4 (a) EXPANSION OF PERMISSIBLE USE OF FUNDS
5 NOT SUBJECT TO CONTRIBUTION LIMITS OR SOURCE
6 PROHIBITIONS BY STATE AND LOCAL POLITICAL PARTIES
7 FOR FEDERAL ELECTION ACTIVITY.—Section 323(b)(2)
8 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C.
9 30125(b)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

10 “(2) APPLICABILITY.—Notwithstanding section
11 301(20), for purposes of paragraph (1), an amount
12 that is expended or disbursed by a State, district, or
13 local committee of a political party shall be consid-
14 ered to be expended or disbursed for Federal elec-
15 tion activity only if the committee coordinated the
16 expenditure or disbursement of the amount with a
17 candidate for election for Federal office or an au-
18 thorized committee of a candidate for election for
19 Federal office.”.

20 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

21 (1) FUNDRAISING COSTS.—Section 323(c) of
22 such Act (52 U.S.C. 30125(c)) is amended by add-
23 ing at the end the following new sentence: “In the
24 case of a person described in subsection (b), the pre-
25 vious sentence applies only if the amount was spent
26 by such person in coordination with a candidate for

1 election for Federal office or an authorized com-
2 mittee of a candidate for election for Federal office,
3 as determined pursuant to regulations promulgated
4 by the Commission for the purpose of determining
5 whether a political party communication is coordi-
6 nated with a candidate, a candidate's authorized
7 committee, or an agent thereof.”.

8 (2) APPEARANCE OF FEDERAL CANDIDATES OR
9 OFFICEHOLDERS AT FUNDRAISING EVENTS.—Sec-
10 tion 323(e)(3) of such Act (52 U.S.C. 30125(e)(3))
11 is amended by striking “subsection (b)(2)(C)” and
12 inserting “subsection (b)”.

13 **SEC. 106. PARTICIPATION IN JOINT FUNDRAISING ACTIVI-**
14 **TIES BY MULTIPLE POLITICAL COMMITTEES.**

15 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

16 (1) While Federal law permits the Federal
17 Election Commission to engage in certain “gap-fill-
18 ing” activities as it administers the Federal Election
19 Campaign Act of 1971, the regulations promulgated
20 by the Federal Election Commission to govern joint
21 fundraising activities of multiple political committees
22 are not tied specifically to any particular provision
23 of the Act, and while these regulations generally du-
24 plicate the provisions of the Act, they also impose
25 additional and unnecessary burdens on political com-

1 mittees which seek to engage in joint fundraising ac-
2 tivities, such as a requirement for written agree-
3 ments between the participating committees.

4 (2) It is therefore not necessary at this time to
5 direct the Federal Election Commission to repeal the
6 existing regulations which govern joint fundraising
7 activities of multiple political committees, as some
8 political committees may have reasons for following
9 the provisions of such regulations which impose ad-
10 ditional and unnecessary burdens on these activities.

11 (b) CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION IN JOINT FUND-
12 RAISING ACTIVITIES.—Section 302 of the Federal Elec-
13 tion Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30102) is amended
14 by adding at the end the following new subsection:

15 “(j) CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION IN JOINT FUND-
16 RAISING ACTIVITIES BY MULTIPLE POLITICAL COMMIT-
17 TEES.—

18 “(1) CRITERIA DESCRIBED.—Two or more po-
19 litical committees as defined in this Act may partici-
20 pate in joint fundraising activities in accordance
21 with the following criteria:

22 “(A) The costs of the activities shall be al-
23 located among and paid for by the participating
24 committees on the basis of the allocation among

1 the participating committees of the contribu-
2 tions received as a result of the activities.

3 “(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), a
4 participating committee may make a payment
5 (in whole or in part) for the portion of the costs
6 of the activities which is allocated to another
7 participating committee, and the amount of any
8 such payment shall be treated as a contribution
9 made by the committee to the other partici-
10 pating committee.

11 “(C) The provisions of section 315(a)(8)
12 regarding the treatment of contributions to a
13 candidate which are earmarked or otherwise di-
14 rected through an intermediary or conduit shall
15 apply to contributions made by a person to a
16 participating committee which are allocated by
17 the committee to another participating com-
18 mittee.

19 “(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
20 this subsection may be construed to prohibit two or
21 more political committees from participating in joint
22 fundraising activities by designating or establishing
23 a separate, joint committee subject to the registra-
24 tion and reporting requirements of this Act or by
25 publishing a joint fundraising notice.”.

1 **SEC. 107. PROTECTING PRIVACY OF DONORS TO TAX-EX-**
2 **EMPT ORGANIZATIONS.**

3 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the
4 “Speech Privacy Act of 2023”.

5 (b) **RESTRICTIONS ON COLLECTION OF DONOR IN-**
6 **FORMATION.**—

7 (1) **RESTRICTIONS.**—An entity of the Federal
8 Government may not collect or require the submis-
9 sion of information on the identification of any
10 donor to a tax-exempt organization.

11 (2) **EXCEPTIONS.**—Paragraph (1) does not
12 apply to the following:

13 (A) The Internal Revenue Service, acting
14 lawfully pursuant to section 6033 of the Inter-
15 nal Revenue Code of 1986 or any successor pro-
16 vision.

17 (B) The Secretary of the Senate and the
18 Clerk of the House of Representatives, acting
19 lawfully pursuant to section 3 of the Lobbying
20 Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1604).

21 (C) The Federal Election Commission, act-
22 ing lawfully pursuant to section 510 of title 36,
23 United States Code.

24 (D) An entity acting pursuant to a lawful
25 order of a court or administrative body which
26 has the authority under law to direct the entity

1 to collect or require the submission of the infor-
2 mation, but only to the extent permitted by the
3 lawful order of such court or administrative
4 body.

5 (c) RESTRICTIONS ON RELEASE OF DONOR INFOR-
6 MATION.—

7 (1) RESTRICTIONS.—An entity of the Federal
8 Government may not disclose to the public informa-
9 tion revealing the identification of any donor to a
10 tax-exempt organization.

11 (2) EXCEPTIONS.—Paragraph (1) does not
12 apply to the following:

13 (A) The Internal Revenue Service, acting
14 lawfully pursuant to section 6104 of the Inter-
15 nal Revenue Code of 1986 or any successor pro-
16 vision.

17 (B) The Secretary of the Senate and the
18 Clerk of the House of Representatives, acting
19 lawfully pursuant to section 3 of the Lobbying
20 Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1604).

21 (C) The Federal Election Commission, act-
22 ing lawfully pursuant to section 510 of title 36,
23 United States Code.

24 (D) An entity acting pursuant to a lawful
25 order of a court or administrative body which

1 has the authority under law to direct the entity
2 to disclose the information, but only to the ex-
3 tent permitted by the lawful order of such court
4 or administrative body.

5 (E) An entity which discloses the informa-
6 tion as authorized by the organization.

7 (d) TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATION DEFINED.—In this
8 section, a “tax-exempt organization” means an organiza-
9 tion which is described in section 501(c) of the Internal
10 Revenue Code of 1986 and is exempt from taxation under
11 section 501(a) of such Code. Nothing in this subsection
12 may be construed to treat a political organization under
13 section 527 of such Code as a tax-exempt organization for
14 purposes of this section.

15 (e) PENALTIES.—It shall be unlawful for any officer
16 or employee of the United States, or any former officer
17 or employee, willfully to disclose to any person, except as
18 authorized in this section, any information revealing the
19 identification of any donor to a tax-exempt organization.
20 Any violation of this section shall be a felony punishable
21 upon conviction by a fine in any amount not exceeding
22 \$250,000, or imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or
23 both, together with the costs of prosecution, and if such
24 offense is committed by any officer or employee of the
25 United States, he shall, in addition to any other punish-

1 ment, be dismissed from office or discharged from employ-
2 ment upon conviction for such offense.

3 **SEC. 108. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR TAX-EXEMPT**
4 **ORGANIZATIONS.**

5 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the
6 “Don’t Weaponize the IRS Act”.

7 (b) **ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT FROM REPORTING.**—

8 (1) **GROSS RECEIPTS THRESHOLD.**—Clause (ii)
9 of section 6033(a)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue
10 Code of 1986 is amended by striking “\$5,000” and
11 inserting “\$50,000”.

12 (2) **ORGANIZATIONS DESCRIBED.**—Subpara-
13 graph (C) of section 6033(a)(3) of the Internal Rev-
14 enue Code of 1986 is amended—

15 (A) by striking “and” at the end of clause
16 (v),

17 (B) by striking the period at the end of
18 clause (vi) and inserting a semicolon, and

19 (C) by adding at the end the following new
20 clauses:

21 “(vii) any other organization described
22 in section 501(c) (other than a private
23 foundation or a supporting organization
24 described in section 509(a)(3)); and

1 “(viii) any organization (other than a
2 private foundation or a supporting organi-
3 zation described in section 509(a)(3))
4 which is not described in section
5 170(e)(2)(A), or which is created or orga-
6 nized in a possession of the United States,
7 which has no significant activity (including
8 lobbying and political activity and the op-
9 eration of a trade or business) other than
10 investment activity in the United States.”.

11 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
12 by this subsection shall apply to taxable years end-
13 ing after the date of the enactment of this Act.

14 (c) CLARIFICATION OF APPLICATION TO SECTION
15 527 ORGANIZATIONS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section
17 6033(g) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
18 amended—

19 (A) by striking “This section” and insert-
20 ing “Except as otherwise provided by this sub-
21 section, this section”, and

22 (B) by striking “for the taxable year.” and
23 inserting “for the taxable year in the same
24 manner as to an organization exempt from tax-
25 ation under section 501(a).”.

1 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
2 by this subsection shall apply to taxable years end-
3 ing after the date of the enactment of this Act.

4 (d) REPORTING OF NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CON-
5 TRIBUTORS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section
7 6033(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
8 amended by adding at the end the following: “Ex-
9 cept as provided in subsections (b)(5) and (g)(2)(B),
10 such annual return shall not be required to include
11 the names and addresses of contributors to the orga-
12 nization.”.

13 (2) APPLICATION TO SECTION 527 ORGANIZA-
14 TIONS.—Paragraph (2) of section 6033(g) of the In-
15 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

16 (A) by striking “and” at the end of sub-
17 paragraph (A),

18 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as
19 subparagraph (C), and

20 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (A)
21 the following new subparagraph:

22 “(B) containing the names and addresses
23 of all substantial contributors, and”.

1 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
2 by this subsection shall apply to taxable years end-
3 ing after the date of the enactment of this Act.

4 **SEC. 109. MAINTENANCE OF STANDARDS FOR DETER-**
5 **MINING ELIGIBILITY OF SECTION 501(C)(4)**
6 **ORGANIZATIONS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Department of the Treasury,
8 including the Internal Revenue Service, may not issue, re-
9 vise, or finalize any regulation, revenue ruling, or other
10 guidance not limited to a particular taxpayer relating to
11 the standard which is used to determine whether an orga-
12 nization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social
13 welfare for purposes of section 501(c)(4) of the Internal
14 Revenue Code of 1986 (including the proposed regulations
15 published at 78 Fed. Reg. 71535 (November 29, 2013)).

16 (b) APPLICATION OF CURRENT STANDARDS AND
17 DEFINITIONS.—The standard and definitions as in effect
18 on January 1, 2010, which are used to make determina-
19 tions described in subsection (a) shall apply after the date
20 of the enactment of this Act for purposes of determining
21 status under section 501(c)(4) of such Code of organiza-
22 tions created on, before, or after such date.

1 **TITLE II—PROHIBITION ON USE**
2 **OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR**
3 **CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGNS**

4 **SEC. 111. PROHIBITING USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR PAY-**
5 **MENTS IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSIONAL**
6 **CAMPAIGNS.**

7 No Federal funds, including amounts attributable to
8 the collection of fines and penalties, may be used to make
9 any payment in support of a campaign for election for the
10 office of Senator or Representative in, or Delegate or Resi-
11 dent Commissioner to, the Congress.

12 **TITLE III—REGISTRATION AND**
13 **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

14 **SEC. 121. ELECTRONIC FILING OF ELECTIONEERING COM-**
15 **MUNICATION REPORTS.**

16 Section 304(a)(11)(A)(i) of the Federal Election
17 Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30104(a)(11)(A)(i)) is
18 amended by inserting “or makes, or has reason to expect
19 to make, electioneering communications” after “expendi-
20 tures”.

1 **SEC. 122. INCREASED QUALIFYING THRESHOLD AND ES-**
 2 **TABLISHING PURPOSE FOR POLITICAL COM-**
 3 **MITTEES.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 301(4) of the Federal
 5 Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30101(4)) is
 6 amended to read as follows:

7 “(4) The term ‘political committee’ means—

8 “(A) any committee, club, association, or
 9 other group of persons, including any local com-
 10 mittee of a political party, which receives con-
 11 tributions aggregating in excess of \$25,000
 12 during a calendar year or which makes expendi-
 13 tures aggregating in excess of \$25,000 during
 14 a calendar year and which is under the control
 15 of a candidate or has the major purpose of
 16 nominating or electing a candidate; or

17 “(B) any separate segregated fund estab-
 18 lished under the provisions of section 316(b).”.

19 (b) **DEFINITION.**—Section 301 of such Act (52
 20 U.S.C. 30101) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 21 lowing new paragraph:

22 “(27) **MAJOR PURPOSE OF NOMINATING OR**
 23 **ELECTING A CANDIDATE.**—The term ‘major purpose
 24 of nominating or electing a candidate’ means, with
 25 respect to a group of persons described in paragraph
 26 (4)(A)—

1 “(A) a group whose central organizational
2 purpose is to expressly advocate for the nomina-
3 tion, election, or defeat of a candidate; or

4 “(B) a group for which the majority of its
5 spending throughout its lifetime of existence
6 has been on contributions, expenditures, or
7 independent expenditures.”.

8 (c) PRICE INDEX ADJUSTMENT FOR POLITICAL COM-
9 MITTEE THRESHOLD.—Section 315(c) of such Act (52
10 U.S.C. 30116(c)), as amended by section 104(b), is
11 amended—

12 (1) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end the
13 following new subparagraph:

14 “(E) In any calendar year after 2023—

15 “(i) a threshold established by section
16 301(4)(A) or 301(4)(C) shall be increased by the
17 percent difference determined under subparagraph
18 (A);

19 “(ii) each amount so increased shall remain in
20 effect for the calendar year; and

21 “(iii) if any amount after adjustment under
22 clause (i) is not a multiple of \$100, such amount
23 shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of \$100.”;
24 and

25 (2) in paragraph (2)(B)—

1 (A) in clause (ii), by striking “and” at the
2 end;

3 (B) in clause (iii), by striking the period at
4 the end and inserting “; and”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following new
6 clause:

7 “(iv) for purposes of sections 301(4)(A)
8 and 301(4)(C), calendar year 2023.”.

9 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
10 this section shall apply with respect to elections held dur-
11 ing 2024 or any succeeding year.

12 **SEC. 123. INCREASED THRESHOLD WITH RESPECT TO INDE-**
13 **PENDENT EXPENDITURE REPORTING RE-**
14 **QUIREMENT.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 304(c)(1) of the Federal
16 Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30104(c)(1))
17 is amended by striking “\$250” and inserting “\$1,000”.

18 (b) PRICE INDEX ADJUSTMENT FOR INDEPENDENT
19 EXPENDITURE REPORTING THRESHOLD.—Section 315(c)
20 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C.
21 30116(c)), as amended by sections 104(b) and 122(c), is
22 amended—

23 (1) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end the
24 following new subparagraph:

25 “(F) In any calendar year after 2023—

1 “(i) a threshold established by section 304(e)(1)
2 shall be increased by the percent difference deter-
3 mined under subparagraph (A);

4 “(ii) each amount so increased shall remain in
5 effect for the calendar year; and

6 “(iii) if any amount after adjustment under
7 clause (i) is not a multiple of \$100, such amount
8 shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of \$100.”;
9 and

10 (2) in paragraph (2)(B)—

11 (A) in clause (iii), by striking “and” at the
12 end;

13 (B) in clause (iv), by striking the period at
14 the end and inserting “; and”; and

15 (C) by adding at the end the following new
16 clause:

17 “(v) for purposes of section 304(e)(1), cal-
18 endar year 2023.”.

19 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
20 this section shall apply with respect to elections held dur-
21 ing 2024 or any succeeding year.

22 **SEC. 124. INCREASED QUALIFYING THRESHOLD WITH RE-**
23 **SPECT TO CANDIDATES.**

24 (a) INCREASE IN THRESHOLD.—Section 301(2) of
25 the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C.

1 30101(2)) is amended by striking “\$5,000” each place it
2 appears and inserting “\$10,000”.

3 (b) PRICE INDEX ADJUSTMENT FOR EXEMPTION OF
4 CERTAIN AMOUNTS AS CONTRIBUTIONS.—Section 315(c)
5 of such Act (52 U.S.C. 30116(c)), as amended by sections
6 104(b), 122(c), and 123(b), is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end the
8 following new subparagraph:

9 “(G) In any calendar year after 2023—

10 “(i) a threshold established by sections 301(2)
11 shall be increased by the percent difference deter-
12 mined under subparagraph (A);

13 “(ii) each amount so increased shall remain for
14 the 2-year period that begins on the first day fol-
15 lowing the date of the general election in the year
16 preceding the year in which the amount is increased
17 and ending on the date of the next general election;
18 and

19 “(iii) if any amount after adjustment under
20 clause (i) is not a multiple of \$100, such amount
21 shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of \$100.”;
22 and

23 (2) in paragraph (2)(B)—

24 (A) in clause (iv), by striking “and” at the
25 end;

1 (B) in clause (v), by striking the period at
2 the end and inserting “; and”; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following new
4 clause:

5 “(vi) for purposes of sections 301(2), cal-
6 endar year 2023.”.

7 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
8 this section shall apply with respect to elections held dur-
9 ing 2024 or any succeeding year.

10 **SEC. 125. REPEAL REQUIREMENT OF PERSONS MAKING**
11 **INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES TO REPORT**
12 **IDENTIFICATION OF CERTAIN DONORS.**

13 (a) REPEAL.—Section 304(c)(2) of the Federal Elec-
14 tion Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30104(c)(2)) is
15 amended—

16 (1) in subparagraph (A), by adding “and” at
17 the end;

18 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “; and”
19 and inserting a period; and

20 (3) by striking subparagraph (C).

21 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 304(c)(1)
22 of such Act (52 U.S.C. 30104(c)(1)) is amended by strik-
23 ing “the information required under subsection (b)(3)(A)
24 for all contributions received by such person” and insert-
25 ing “the information required under paragraph (2)”.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall apply with respect to independent ex-
3 penditures made on or after the date of the enactment
4 of this Act.

5 **TITLE IV—EXCLUSION OF CER-**
6 **TAIN AMOUNTS FROM TREAT-**
7 **MENT AS CONTRIBUTIONS OR**
8 **EXPENDITURES**

9 **SEC. 131. INCREASED THRESHOLD FOR EXEMPTION OF**
10 **CERTAIN AMOUNTS AS CONTRIBUTIONS.**

11 (a) REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY EXEMPTION.—
12 Section 301(8)(B)(ii) of the Federal Election Campaign
13 Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30101(8)(B)(ii)) is amended—

14 (1) by striking “\$1,000” and inserting
15 “\$2,000”; and

16 (2) by striking “\$2,000” and inserting
17 “\$4,000”.

18 (b) TRAVEL EXPENSES EXEMPTION.—Section
19 301(8)(B)(iv) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of
20 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30101(8)(B)(iv)) is amended—

21 (1) by striking “\$1,000” and inserting
22 “\$2,000”; and

23 (2) by striking “\$2,000” and inserting
24 “\$4,000”.

1 (c) PRICE INDEX ADJUSTMENT FOR EXEMPTION OF
2 CERTAIN AMOUNTS AS CONTRIBUTIONS.—Section 315(c)
3 of such Act (52 U.S.C. 30116(c)), as amended by sections
4 104(b), 122(c), 123(b), and 124(b) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end the
6 following new subparagraph:

7 “(H) In any calendar year after 2023—

8 “(i) the exemption amounts established by sec-
9 tion 301(8)(B)(ii) or 301(8)(B)(iv) shall be in-
10 creased by the percent difference determined under
11 subparagraph (A);

12 “(ii) each amount so increased shall remain for
13 the 2-year period that begins on the first day fol-
14 lowing the date of the general election in the year
15 preceding the year in which the amount is increased
16 and ending on the date of the next general election;
17 and

18 “(iii) if any amount after adjustment under
19 clause (i) is not a multiple of \$100, such amount
20 shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of \$100.”;
21 and

22 (2) in paragraph (2)(B)—

23 (A) in clause (v), by striking “and” at the
24 end;

1 (B) in clause (vi), by striking the period at
2 the end and inserting “; and”; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following new
4 clause:

5 “(vii) for purposes of section 301(8)(B)(ii)
6 or 301(8)(B)(iv), calendar year 2023.”.

7 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
8 this section shall apply with respect to elections held dur-
9 ing 2024 or any succeeding year.

10 **SEC. 132. EXEMPTION OF UNCOMPENSATED INTERNET**
11 **COMMUNICATIONS FROM TREATMENT AS**
12 **CONTRIBUTION OR EXPENDITURE.**

13 (a) EXEMPTIONS.—

14 (1) EXEMPTION FROM TREATMENT AS CON-
15 TRIBUTION.—Section 301(8)(B) of the Federal Elec-
16 tion Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C.
17 30101(8)(B)) is amended—

18 (A) by striking “and” at the end of clause
19 (xiii);

20 (B) by striking the period at the end of
21 clause (xiv) and inserting “; and”; and

22 (C) by adding at the end the following new
23 clause:

24 “(xv) any payment by any person in producing
25 and disseminating any information or communica-

1 tion on the internet, internet platform or other inter-
2 net-enabled application, unless the information or
3 communication is disseminated for a fee on another
4 person’s website, platform or other internet-enabled
5 application, whether coordinated or not.”.

6 (2) EXEMPTION FROM TREATMENT AS EXPEND-
7 ITURE.—Section 301(9)(B) of such Act (52 U.S.C.
8 30101(9)(B)) is amended—

9 (A) by striking “and” at the end of clause

10 (ix);

11 (B) by striking the period at the end of
12 clause (x) and inserting “; and”; and

13 (C) by adding at the end the following new
14 clause:

15 “(xi) any cost incurred by any person in pro-
16 ducing and disseminating any information or com-
17 munication on the internet, internet platform or
18 other internet-enabled application, unless the infor-
19 mation or communication is disseminated for a fee
20 on another person’s website, platform or other inter-
21 net-enabled application.”.

22 (b) APPLICATION TO DEFINITION OF PUBLIC COM-
23 MUNICATIONS.—Section 301(22) of such Act (52 U.S.C.
24 30101(22)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

25 “In the previous sentence, the terms ‘public communica-

1 tion’ and ‘general public political advertising’ do not in-
2 clude communications disseminated over the internet or
3 via an internet platform or other internet-enabled applica-
4 tion, unless the communication or advertising is dissemi-
5 nated for a fee on another person’s website, platform or
6 other internet-enabled application.”.

7 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
8 this section shall apply with respect to elections held dur-
9 ing 2024 or any succeeding year.

10 **SEC. 133. MEDIA EXEMPTION.**

11 (a) EXPANSION OF EXEMPTION TO ADDITIONAL
12 FORMS OF MEDIA.—Section 301(9)(B)(i) of the Federal
13 Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C.
14 30101(9)(B)(i)) is amended to read as follows:

15 “(i) any news story, commentary, or edi-
16 torial distributed through the facilities of any
17 broadcasting, cable, satellite, or internet-based
18 station, programmer, operator or producer;
19 newspaper, magazine, or other periodical pub-
20 lisher; electronic publisher, platform, or applica-
21 tion; book publisher; or filmmaker or film pro-
22 ducer, distributor or exhibitor, unless such fa-
23 cilities are owned or controlled by any political
24 party, political committee, or candidate;”.

1 (b) APPLICATION TO CONTRIBUTIONS.—Section
2 301(8)(B) of such Act (52 U.S.C. 30101(8)(B)), as
3 amended by section 132(a)(1), is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating clauses (i) through (xv) as
5 clauses (ii) through (xvi); and

6 (2) by inserting before clause (ii) (as so redesignig-
7 nated) the following new clause:

8 “(i) any payment for any news story, com-
9 mentary, or editorial distributed through the fa-
10 cilities of any broadcasting, cable, satellite, or
11 internet-based station, programmer, operator or
12 producer; newspaper, magazine, or other peri-
13 odical publisher; electronic publisher, platform,
14 or application; book publisher; or filmmaker or
15 film producer, distributor or exhibitor.”.

16 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
17 this section shall apply with respect to elections held dur-
18 ing 2024 or any succeeding year.

1 **TITLE V—PROHIBITION ON**
2 **ISSUANCE OF REGULATIONS**
3 **ON POLITICAL CONTRIBU-**
4 **TIONS**

5 **SEC. 141. PROHIBITION ON ISSUANCE OF REGULATIONS ON**
6 **POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS.**

7 The Securities and Exchange Commission may not
8 finalize, issue, or implement any rule, regulation, or order
9 regarding the disclosure of political contributions, con-
10 tributions to tax exempt organizations, or dues paid to
11 trade associations.

12 **TITLE VI—MISCELLANEOUS**
13 **PROVISIONS**

14 **SEC. 151. PERMANENT EXTENSION OF FINES FOR QUALI-**
15 **FIED DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENT VIOLA-**
16 **TIONS.**

17 Section 309(a)(4)(C)(v) of the Federal Election Cam-
18 paign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30109(a)(4)(C)(v)) is
19 amended by striking “, and that end on or before Decem-
20 ber 31, 2023”.

21 **SEC. 152. PERMITTING POLITICAL COMMITTEES TO MAKE**
22 **DISBURSEMENTS BY METHODS OTHER THAN**
23 **CHECK.**

24 Section 302(h)(1) of the Federal Election Campaign
25 Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30102(h)(1)) is amended by strik-

1 ing “except by check drawn on such accounts in accord-
2 ance with this section” and inserting “except from such
3 accounts”.

4 **SEC. 153. DESIGNATION OF INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO**
5 **MAKE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE DISBURSE-**
6 **MENTS IN EVENT OF DEATH OF CANDIDATE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 302 of the Federal Elec-
8 tion Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30102), as amend-
9 ed by section 106(b), is amended by adding at the end
10 the following new subsection:

11 “(k)(1) Each candidate may, with respect to each au-
12 thorized committee of the candidate, designate an indi-
13 vidual who shall be responsible for disbursing funds in the
14 accounts of the committee in the event of the death of
15 the candidate, and may also designate another individual
16 to carry out the responsibilities of the designated indi-
17 vidual under this subsection in the event of the death or
18 incapacity of the designated individual or the unwilling-
19 ness of the designated individual to carry out the respon-
20 sibilities.

21 “(2) In order to designate an individual under this
22 subsection, the candidate shall file with the Commission
23 a signed written statement (in a standardized form devel-
24 oped by the Commission) that contains the name and ad-
25 dress of the individual and the name of the authorized

1 committee for which the designation shall apply, and that
2 may contain the candidate's instructions regarding the
3 disbursement of the funds involved by the individual. At
4 any time after filing the statement, the candidate may re-
5 voke the designation of an individual by filing with the
6 Commission a signed written statement of revocation (in
7 a standardized form developed by the Commission).

8 “(3)(A) Upon the death of a candidate who has des-
9 ignated an individual for purposes of paragraph (1), funds
10 in the accounts of each authorized committee of the can-
11 didate may be disbursed only under the direction and in
12 accordance with the instructions of such individual, sub-
13 ject to the terms and conditions applicable to the disburse-
14 ment of such funds under this Act or any other applicable
15 Federal or State law (other than any provision of State
16 law which authorizes any person other than such indi-
17 vidual to direct the disbursement of such funds).

18 “(B) Subparagraph (A) does not apply with respect
19 to an authorized committee if, at the time of the can-
20 didate's death, the authorized committee has a treasurer
21 or a designated agent of the treasurer as described in sec-
22 tion 302(a), unless the treasurer or designated agent is
23 incapacitated or cannot be reached by the authorized com-
24 mittee.

1 “(C) Nothing in this paragraph may be construed to
2 grant any authority to an individual who is designated
3 pursuant to this subsection other than the authority to
4 direct the disbursement of funds as provided in such para-
5 graph, or may be construed to affect the responsibility of
6 the treasurer of an authorized committee for which funds
7 are disbursed in accordance with such paragraph to file
8 reports of the disbursements of such funds under section
9 304(a).”.

10 (b) INCLUSION OF DESIGNATION IN STATEMENT OF
11 ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEE.—Section 303(b) of such
12 Act (52 U.S.C. 30103(b)) is amended—

13 (1) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at the
14 end;

15 (2) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at
16 the end and inserting “; and”; and

17 (3) by adding at the end the following new
18 paragraph:

19 “(7) in the case of an authorized committee of
20 a candidate who has designated an individual under
21 section 302(k) (including a second individual des-
22 ignated to carry out the responsibilities of that indi-
23 vidual under such section in the event of that indi-
24 vidual’s death or incapacity or unwillingness to carry
25 out the responsibilities) to disburse funds from the

1 accounts of the committee in the event of the death
 2 of the candidate, a copy of the statement filed by the
 3 candidate with the Commission under such section
 4 (as well as a copy of any subsequent statement of
 5 revocation filed by the candidate with the Commis-
 6 sion under such section).”.

7 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 8 this section shall apply with respect to authorized cam-
 9 paign committees which are designated under section
 10 302(e)(1) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971
 11 before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

12 **SEC. 154. PROHIBITING AIDING OR ABETTING MAKING OF**
 13 **CONTRIBUTIONS IN NAME OF ANOTHER.**

14 Section 320 of the Federal Election Campaign Act
 15 of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30122) is amended by adding at the
 16 end the following new sentence: “No person shall know-
 17 ingly direct, help, or assist any person in making a con-
 18 tribution in the name of another person.”.

19 **SEC. 155. UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF COMMISSION MEM-**
 20 **BERS REQUIRED FOR COMMISSION TO**
 21 **REFUSE TO DEFEND ACTIONS BROUGHT**
 22 **AGAINST COMMISSION.**

23 (a) UNANIMOUS CONSENT.—Section 307 of the Fed-
 24 eral Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30107)

1 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 section:

3 “(f)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the
4 Commission shall defend each action brought against the
5 Commission under this Act or chapter 95 and 96 of the
6 Internal Revenue Code of 1986—

7 “(A) through the general counsel, as provided
8 in subsection (a)(6);

9 “(B) by appointing counsel as provided in sec-
10 tion 306(f)(4); or

11 “(C) by referral to the Attorney General in the
12 case of a criminal action.

13 “(2) The Commission may refuse to defend an action
14 brought against the Commission pursuant to the unani-
15 mous vote of its Members.”.

16 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
17 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to actions brought
18 on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

19 **SEC. 156. FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION MEMBER PAY.**

20 Section 306(a)(4) of the Federal Election Campaign
21 Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30106(a)(4)) is amended by strik-
22 ing “equivalent to the compensation paid at level IV of
23 the Executive Schedule (5 U.S.C. 5315)” and inserting
24 “at an annual rate of basic pay of \$186,300, as adjusted
25 under section 5318 of title 5, United States Code, in the

1 same manner as the annual rate of pay for positions at
2 each level of the Executive Schedule”.

3 **SEC. 157. UNIFORM STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR PRO-**
4 **CEEDINGS TO ENFORCE FEDERAL ELECTION**
5 **CAMPAIGN ACT OF 1971.**

6 (a) 5-YEAR LIMITATION.—Section 406(a) of the Fed-
7 eral Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30145(a))
8 is amended—

9 (1) by striking “(a)” and inserting “(a)(1)”;
10 and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following new
12 paragraph:

13 “(2) No person shall be subject to a civil penalty for
14 any violation of title III of this Act unless the proceeding
15 is initiated in accordance with section 309 not later than
16 5 years after the date on which the violation occurred.”.

17 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
18 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to violations occur-
19 ring on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

20 **SEC. 158. REPEAL OF OBSOLETE PROVISIONS OF LAW.**

21 (a) PROVISIONS HELD UNCONSTITUTIONAL.—

22 (1) MEMBERSHIP OF SECRETARY OF SENATE
23 AND CLERK OF HOUSE ON FEDERAL ELECTION COM-
24 MISSION.—Section 306(a)(1) of the Federal Election
25 Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30106(a)(1)) is

1 amended by striking “the Secretary of the Senate
2 and the Clerk of the House of Representatives or
3 their designees, ex officio and without the right to
4 vote, and”.

5 (2) CHOICE OF INDEPENDENT OR COORDI-
6 NATED EXPENDITURES BY POLITICAL PARTIES.—
7 Section 315(d) of such Act (52 U.S.C. 30116(d)) is
8 amended—

9 (A) by striking paragraph (4) and redesign-
10 ating paragraph (5) as paragraph (4);

11 (B) in paragraph (4), as so redesignated,
12 by striking “paragraphs (2), (3), and (4)” and
13 inserting “paragraphs (2) and (3)”; and

14 (C) in paragraph (1), by striking “para-
15 graphs (2), (3), and (4)” and inserting “para-
16 graphs (2) and (3)”.

17 (3) PROHIBITING CONTRIBUTIONS BY MI-
18 NORS.—The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971
19 is amended by striking section 324 (52 U.S.C.
20 30126).

21 (4) INCREASE IN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS FOR
22 CANDIDATES IN RESPONSE TO PERSONAL FUND EX-
23 PENDITURES BY OPPONENTS.—

1 (A) HOUSE CANDIDATES.—The Federal
2 Election Campaign Act of 1971 is amended by
3 striking section 315A (52 U.S.C. 30117).

4 (B) SENATE CANDIDATES.—Section 315 of
5 such Act (52 U.S.C. 30116) is amended—

6 (i) by striking subsection (i); and

7 (ii) by redesignating subsection (j) as
8 subsection (i).

9 (C) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING
10 TO NOTIFICATION.—Section 304(a)(6) of such
11 Act (52 U.S.C. 30104(a)(6)) is amended—

12 (i) by striking subparagraphs (B),
13 (C), and (D); and

14 (ii) by redesignating subparagraph
15 (E) as subparagraph (D).

16 (D) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING
17 TO DEFINITIONS.—Section 301(25) of such Act
18 (52 U.S.C. 30101(25)) is amended by striking
19 “For purposes of sections 315(i) and 315A and
20 paragraph (26), the term” and inserting “The
21 term”.

22 (E) OTHER CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
23 Section 315(a)(1) of such Act (52 U.S.C.
24 30116(a)(1)) is amended by striking “Except

1 as provided in subsection (i) and section 315A,
2 no person” and inserting “No person”.

3 (5) ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS AND
4 INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES BY CORPORATIONS
5 AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.—Section 316 of such
6 Act (52 U.S.C. 30117) is amended—

7 (A) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “or
8 for any applicable electioneering communica-
9 tion”; and

10 (B) by striking subsection (c).

11 (6) LIMITATION ON AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF
12 CONTRIBUTIONS BY INDIVIDUALS.—Section 315 of
13 such Act (52 U.S.C. 30116) is amended—

14 (A) in subsection (a), by striking para-
15 graph (3); and

16 (B) in subsection (c), by striking “(a)(3),”
17 each place it appears in paragraph (1)(B)(i),
18 paragraph (1)(C), and paragraph (2)(B)(ii).

19 (7) LIMITATION ON REPAYMENT OF PERSONAL
20 LOANS.—Section 315 of such Act (52 U.S.C. 30116)
21 is amended by striking subsection (i), as redesi-
22 gnated by paragraph (4)(B)(ii).

23 (b) PROVISIONS RELATING TO USE OF PRESI-
24 DENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUND FOR PARTY NOMI-

1 NATING CONVENTIONS.—Section 9008 of the Internal
2 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

3 (1) in subsection (b), by striking paragraph (3);

4 and

5 (2) by striking subsections (c), (d), (e), (f), (g),

6 and (h).

7 (c) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Sections 307 and 309
8 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C.
9 30107 and 30109) are each amended by striking “sub-
10 pena” each place it appears and inserting “subpoena”.

11 **SEC. 159. DEADLINE FOR PROMULGATION OF PROPOSED**
12 **REGULATIONS.**

13 Not later than 120 days after the date of the enact-
14 ment of this Act, the Federal Election Commission shall
15 publish in the Federal Register proposed regulations to
16 carry out this Act and the amendments made by this Act.

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