

114TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 4271

To prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from awarding contracts for public relations, market research, or other similar activities.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 16, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Missouri introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Science, Space, and Technology, 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

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## 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 “End EPA Advertising  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON PUBLIC RELATIONS CON-**  
2 **TRACTING BY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**  
3 **AGENCY.**

4 (a) **PROHIBITION.**—The Administrator of the Envi-  
5 ronmental Protection Agency may not award any contract  
6 for public relations, market research, or other similar ac-  
7 tivities.

8 (b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this Act:

9 (1) **PUBLIC RELATIONS.**—The term “public re-  
10 lations” includes writing services, event planning  
11 and management, media relations, radio and tele-  
12 vision analysis, and press services.

13 (2) **MARKET RESEARCH.**—The term “market  
14 research” includes telephone and field interviews,  
15 focus testing, and surveys.

16 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—This section shall apply with  
17 respect to contracts awarded on or after the date of the  
18 enactment of this Act.

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