

119TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4820

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2025

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

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## A BILL

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Survey is voluntary.

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 “Freedom from Govern-  
5 ment Surveys Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. VOLUNTARY NATURE OF AMERICAN COMMUNITY**  
7 **SURVEY.**

8 (a) NO PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO RESPOND.—Sec-  
9 tion 221 of title 13, United States Code, is amended by  
10 adding at the end the following:

1       “(d) VOLUNTARY NATURE OF AMERICAN COMMU-  
2 NITY SURVEY.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to any per-  
3 son who refuses or neglects to answer any question on the  
4 American Community Survey (or any successor survey).”.

5       (b) CLARIFICATION OF VOLUNTARY NATURE ON  
6 SURVEY.—Section 193 of title 13, United States Code, is  
7 amended—

8           (1) by striking “In advance” and inserting the  
9 following:

10       “(a) IN GENERAL.—In advance”; and

11           (2) by adding at the end the following:

12       “(b) CLARIFICATION OF VOLUNTARY NATURE OF  
13 AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY.—The Secretary shall in-  
14 clude on the American Community Survey (or any suc-  
15 cessor survey) a statement that participation in the survey  
16 is voluntary.”.

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