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To prohibit the naming of any Federal building, facility, or program after any elected official or political appointee for a certain period or while using their name commercially, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FOSTER (for himself, Mr. CISNEROS, Mr. CORREA, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. FROST, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Mr. LICCARDO, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. MCGARVEY, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. NADLER, Mr. NORCROSS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. VEASEY, and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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

To prohibit the naming of any Federal building, facility, or program after any elected official or political appointee for a certain period or while using their name commercially, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Federal Naming
3 Standards Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON RENAMING FEDERAL BUILDINGS,**
5 **FACILITIES, OR PROGRAMS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
7 sion of law, no Federal building, facility, or program may
8 be named, renamed, designated, or redesignated in the
9 name or likeness of any elected official or political ap-
10 pointee for the period described in subsection (b).

11 (b) COVERED PERIOD.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
13 graph (2), the period described in this subsection
14 shall be the period from the time the individual
15 began holding office as an elected official or political
16 appointee until the date that is 10 years after the
17 date on which such individual last held office or ap-
18 pointment.

19 (2) EXTENSION FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.—
20 With respect to any individual who generates more
21 than \$1,000,000 (adjusted annually for inflation to
22 reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index for All
23 Urban Consumers, published by the Bureau of
24 Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor) annu-
25 ally from commercial purposes for the use of their
26 name, image, or likeness, the period described in this

1 subsection shall be extended until the date on which
2 such individual no longer meets such threshold.

3 (c) APPLICABILITY.—The prohibition under sub-
4 section (a) shall not apply to—

5 (1) the name or likeness of an individual who
6 is deceased;

7 (2) any naming, renaming, designation, or re-
8 designation before the date of enactment of this Act;
9 and

10 (3) any building, facility, or program named,
11 renamed, designated, or redesignated for an indi-
12 vidual who was not using their name or likeness for
13 commercial purposes at the time of the naming, re-
14 naming, designation, or redesignation but subse-
15 quently has used their name or likeness for commer-
16 cial purposes.

17 (d) INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION.—The in-
18 spector general of each Federal agency shall investigate
19 complaints alleging violations of this Act within the re-
20 spective agency of such inspector general and report the
21 findings of any investigation, within 90 days of the begin-
22 ning of any such investigation, to the head of the respec-
23 tive agency and Congress.

24 (e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act
25 shall be construed to prohibit the incidental use of an indi-

1 vidual’s name and likeness in museum exhibits, archival
2 collections, historical displays, educational materials, or
3 documentary content produced or funded by the Federal
4 Government or official reports, press releases, or other in-
5 formational materials as long as such use does not con-
6 stitute the formal name or principal branding of a Federal
7 site or Federal program.

8 (f) COMMERCIAL PURPOSES DEFINED.—In this sec-
9 tion, the term “commercial purposes” means the use of
10 an individual’s name or likeness in connection with the
11 advertising, promotion, or sale of goods or services or li-
12 censing.

