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To protect individuals from having money involuntarily collected and used
for political activities by a corporation or labor organization.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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of Washington, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. SNOWBARGER, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. STUMP, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TALENT, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. UPTON, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WAMP, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. YOUNG of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Oversight

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 “Paycheck Protection
 5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING INVOLUNTARY ASSESSMENT OF EM-**
 7 **PLOYEE FUNDS FOR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 316 of the Federal Elec-
 9 tion Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441b) is amended
 10 by adding at the end the following new subsection:

11 “(c)(1) Except with the separate, prior, written, vol-
 12 untary authorization of each individual, it shall be unlaw-
 13 ful—

14 “(A) for any national bank or corporation de-
 15 scribed in this section to collect from or assess its
 16 stockholders or employees any dues, initiation fee, or

1 other payment as a condition of employment if any
2 part of such dues, fee, or payment will be used for
3 political activity in which the national bank or cor-
4 poration is engaged; and

5 “(B) for any labor organization described in
6 this section to collect from or assess its members or
7 nonmembers any dues, initiation fee, or other pay-
8 ment if any part of such dues, fee, or payment will
9 be used for political activity in which the labor orga-
10 nization is engaged.

11 “(2) An authorization described in paragraph (1)
12 shall remain in effect until revoked and may be revoked
13 at any time. Each entity collecting from or assessing
14 amounts from an individual with an authorization in effect
15 under such paragraph shall provide the individual with a
16 statement that the individual may at any time revoke the
17 authorization.

18 “(3) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘politi-
19 cal activity’ means any activity carried out for the purpose
20 of influencing (in whole or in part) any election for Fed-
21 eral office, influencing the consideration or outcome of any
22 Federal legislation or the issuance or outcome of any Fed-
23 eral regulations, or educating individuals about candidates
24 for election for Federal office or any Federal legislation,
25 law, or regulations.”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) shall apply to amounts collected or assessed
3 on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

