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# H. R. 4245

To amend section 1964 of title 18, United States Code, to provide protection for nonviolent advocacy.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 16, 1998

Mr. SHADEGG (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BRYANT, and Mr. HYDE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Civil RICO Clarifica-  
5 tion Act of 1998”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY.**

7 The Constitutional authority upon which this Act  
8 rests is the power of Congress to regulate commerce with  
9 foreign nations and among the several States, set forth  
10 in article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution.

1 **SEC. 3. CLARIFICATION OF CIVIL RICO.**

2       Section 1964 of title 18, United States Code, is  
3 amended by adding at the end the following:

4       “(e) No action may be commenced under subsection  
5 (c) of this section based on any racketeering activity con-  
6 sisting of an act or threat involving extortion.”.

7 **SEC. 4. APPLICATION TO PENDING CASES.**

8       The amendment made by this Act shall apply to cases  
9 pending (including those pending in appellate proceedings)  
10 on the date of the enactment of this Act.

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