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To support certain national youth organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia (for herself, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. HAYES, Mr. FITZPATRICK of Pennsylvania, Mr. HERGER, Mr. AKIN, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. KUHL of New York, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. KLINE, Mr. MCCAUL of Texas, Mr. ISSA, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CASE, Mr. SHAW, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. CANNON, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. CHOCOLA, Mr. FORBES, and Mr. BOYD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, 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 support certain national youth organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America, 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 “Support our Scouts
3 Act of 2005”.

4 **SEC. 2. SUPPORT FOR YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

6 (1) the term “Federal agency” means each de-
7 partment, agency, instrumentality, or other entity of
8 the United States Government; and

9 (2) the term “youth organization” means any
10 organization described under part B of subtitle II of
11 title 36, United States Code, that is intended to
12 serve individuals under the age of 21 years.

13 (b) IN GENERAL.—

14 (1) SUPPORT FOR YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS.—No
15 Federal law (including any rule, regulation, direc-
16 tive, instruction, or order) shall be construed to limit
17 any Federal agency from providing any form of sup-
18 port for a youth organization (including the Boy
19 Scouts of America or any group officially affiliated
20 with the Boy Scouts of America) that would result
21 in that Federal agency providing less support to that
22 youth organization (or any similar organization
23 chartered under the chapter of title 36, United
24 States Code, relating to that youth organization)
25 than was provided during each of the preceding 4
26 fiscal years.

1 (2) TYPES OF SUPPORT.—Support described
2 under paragraph (1) shall include—

3 (A) holding meetings, camping events, or
4 other activities on Federal property; and

5 (B) hosting any official event of such orga-
6 nization.

7 **SEC. 3. EQUAL ACCESS FOR YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS.**

8 Section 109 of the Housing and Community Develop-
9 ment Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5309) is amended—

10 (1) in the first sentence of subsection (b) by in-
11 serting “or (e)” after “subsection (a)”; and

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

13 “(e) EQUAL ACCESS.—

14 “(1) DEFINITION.—The term ‘youth organiza-
15 tion’ means any organization described under part B
16 of subtitle II of title 36, United States Code, that
17 is intended to serve individuals under the age of 21
18 years.

19 “(2) IN GENERAL.—No State or unit of general
20 local government that has a designated open forum,
21 limited public forum, or nonpublic forum and that is
22 a recipient of assistance under this chapter shall
23 deny equal access or a fair opportunity to meet to,
24 or discriminate against, any youth organization, in-
25 cluding the Boy Scouts of America or any group of-

1 ficially affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America,
2 that wishes to conduct a meeting or otherwise par-
3 ticipate in that designated open forum, limited pub-
4 lic forum, or nonpublic forum.”.

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