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To direct the Federal Trade Commission to revise the regulations regarding the Do-not-call registry to prohibit politically-oriented recorded message telephone calls to telephone numbers listed on that registry.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ALTMIRE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Freedom from Auto-
5 mated Political Calls Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. POLITICALLY-ORIENTED RECORDED MESSAGE**
2 **CALLS PROHIBITED.**

3 (a) PROHIBITION.—Not later than 90 days after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Federal Trade Commis-
5 sion shall revise the do-not-call registry provisions of the
6 Telemarketing Sales Rule (16 C.F.R. 310.1 et seq.) to
7 prohibit politically-oriented recorded message telephone
8 calls to telephone numbers listed on that registry.

9 (b) DEFINITION OF POLITICALLY-ORIENTED RE-
10 CORDED MESSAGE CALLS.—For purposes of this section,
11 the term “politically-oriented recorded message telephone
12 call” means any outbound telephone call—

13 (1) in which a person is not available to speak
14 with the person answering the call, and the call in-
15 stead plays a recorded message; and

16 (2) whose purpose is to promote, advertise,
17 campaign, or solicit donations, for or against any po-
18 litical candidate or regarding any political issue, or
19 uses in the recorded message any political can-
20 didate’s name.

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