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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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Ms. FOXX 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 “Robo Calls Off Phones
5 (Robo COP) Act”.

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

3 (a) PROHIBITED.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
4 sion of law, the Federal Trade Commission shall, not later
5 than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act,
6 revise the do-not-call registry provisions of the Tele-
7 marketing Sales Rule (16 C.F.R. 310.1 et seq.) to prohibit
8 politically-oriented recorded message telephone calls to
9 telephone numbers listed on that registry.

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

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

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

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