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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WOLF introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Foreign Lobbying Re-
5 form Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON LOBBYING FOR FOREIGN GOV-**
2 **ERNMENTS.**

3 (a) PROHIBITION ON LOBBYING.—Section 207 of
4 title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
5 end the following new subsection:

6 “(m) ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS RELATING TO
7 FOREIGN ENTITIES.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to the restric-
9 tions contained in subsection (f), any person who
10 serves in a position described in paragraph (2) and
11 who, within 10 years after leaving that position,
12 knowingly—

13 “(A) represents a foreign entity before any
14 Member, officer, or employee of either House of
15 Congress, or any officer or employee of a de-
16 partment or agency of the executive branch,
17 with the intent to influence a decision of such
18 officer, employee, or Member, in his or her offi-
19 cial capacity, or

20 “(B) aids or advises a foreign entity with
21 the intent to influence a decision of any Mem-
22 ber, officer, or employee of either House of
23 Congress, or any officer or employee of a de-
24 partment or agency of the executive branch, in
25 his or her official capacity,

1 shall be punished as provided in section 216 of this
2 title.

3 “(2) POSITIONS SUBJECT TO RESTRICTION.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The positions referred
5 to in paragraph (1) are the following:

6 “(i) The President.

7 “(ii) The Vice President.

8 “(iii) A Member of Congress.

9 “(iv) A covered appointee position.

10 “(B) COVERED APPOINTEE POSITION.—

11 For purposes of this paragraph, an individual
12 serves in a ‘covered appointee position’ if the
13 individual serves—

14 “(i) except as provided in clause (ii),
15 in a position in an Executive agency to
16 which the individual was appointed by the
17 President, by and with the advice and con-
18 sent of the Senate;

19 “(ii) in a position that is held by an
20 active duty commissioned officer of the
21 uniformed services who is serving in a
22 grade or rank for which the pay grade (as
23 specified in section 201 of title 37) is pay
24 grade O–7 or higher; or

25 “(iii) in any of the following positions:

1 “(I) Deputy Director of National
2 Intelligence.

3 “(II) Deputy Director of the
4 Central Intelligence Agency.

5 “(III) Associate Deputy Director
6 of the Central Intelligence Agency.

7 “(IV) The Director of the Na-
8 tional Clandestine Service.

9 “(V) Chief of Station for the
10 Central Intelligence Agency at an em-
11 bassy or consulate of the United
12 States.

13 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this sub-
14 section—

15 “(A) the term ‘Executive agency’ means an
16 Executive agency as defined by section 105 of
17 title 5, including the Executive Office of the
18 President;

19 “(B) the term ‘Member of Congress’ has
20 the meaning given that term in subsection
21 (e)(9) of this section; and

22 “(C) the term ‘foreign entity’ means—

23 “(i) the government of a foreign coun-
24 try as defined in section 1(e) of the For-

1 eign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as
2 amended; and

3 “(ii) any entity owned or controlled,
4 in whole or in part, by the government of
5 a foreign country (as so defined).”.

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