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H. R. 6197

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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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 “Candidate Account-
5 ability Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF LIMITATIONS ON CONTRIBU-**
2 **TIONS.**

3 (a) **ELIMINATION OF LIMITATIONS; EXCEPTION FOR**
4 **CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES OF OVER \$50,000**
5 **WITHIN 5 DAYS OF ELECTION.**—Section 315(a) of the
6 Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C.
7 441a(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following
8 new paragraphs:

9 “(9) No person shall make contributions to any can-
10 didate and the candidate’s authorized committees with re-
11 spect to any election for Federal office which, in the aggre-
12 gate, exceed \$50,000 during the 5-day period ending on
13 the date of the election.

14 “(10) The limitations provided under this subsection,
15 other than the limitation provided under paragraph (9),
16 shall not apply with respect to any election held on or after
17 January 1, 2013.”.

18 (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO NA-**
19 **TIONAL PARTY SENATORIAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES.**—
20 Section 315 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 441a) is amended by
21 striking subsection (h).

1 **SEC. 3. REQUIRING CONTROL OR DIRECTION BY CAN-**
2 **DIDATE AS CONDITION OF TREATMENT OF**
3 **POLITICAL PARTY EXPENDITURES AS CO-**
4 **ORDINATED EXPENDITURES.**

5 (a) CONTROL OR DIRECTION REQUIRED.—Para-
6 graph (4) of section 315(d) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
7 441a(d)) is amended to read as follows:

8 “(4) SPECIAL RULE FOR DIRECT COSTS OF COMMU-
9 NICATIONS.—The direct costs incurred by a political com-
10 mittee of a political party for a communication made in
11 connection with the campaign of a candidate for Federal
12 office shall not be subject to the limitations contained in
13 paragraphs (2) and (3) unless the communication is con-
14 trolled by, or made at the direction of, the candidate or
15 an authorized committee of the candidate.”.

16 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Paragraph (1) of
17 section 315(d) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 441a(d)) is amended
18 by striking “paragraphs (2), (3), and (4)” and inserting
19 “paragraphs (2) and (3)”.

20 **SEC. 4. REQUIRING CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES TO POST CON-**
21 **TRIBUTION INFORMATION ON COMMITTEE**
22 **WEBSITES.**

23 Section 304 of the Federal Election Campaign Act
24 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 434) is amended by adding at the end
25 the following new subsection:

1 “(j) POSTING OF CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION ON
2 COMMITTEE WEBSITES.—

3 “(1) REQUIREMENT.—Each political committee
4 shall post on the official public website of the com-
5 mittee the information required to be reported under
6 subsection (b)(3).

7 “(2) DEADLINE FOR POSTING.—A political
8 committee shall post the information required under
9 paragraph (1) with respect to a contribution not
10 later than 7 business days after receiving the con-
11 tribution, except that if the aggregate amount or
12 value of the contribution or contributions made by
13 the person during the calendar year or election cycle
14 involved (as the case may be) exceeds \$10,000, the
15 committee shall post the information not later than
16 2 business days after receiving the contribution.

17 “(3) FORMAT.—A political committee shall post
18 the information required under paragraph (1) in a
19 searchable, sortable, and downloadable format.”.

20 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

21 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with
22 respect to elections occurring on or after January 1, 2013.

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