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2D SESSION

H. R. 6569

To prohibit the Federal Government from providing compensation with regard to surveys or mailings.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 5, 2012

Mr. TIPTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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 “Survey Savings Ac-
5 countability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON COMPENSATION.**

7 An executive agency may not provide to an individual
8 compensation that is—

9 (a) included with a survey or mailing to encourage
10 the individual to return the survey or mailing; or

1 (b) in exchange for a response to a survey or mailing.

2 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

3 In this Act:

4 (a) EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The term “executive
5 agency” has the meaning given the term in section 105
6 of title 5, United States Code.

7 (b) MAILING.—The term “mailing” means any news-
8 letter, or other piece of mail with substantially identical
9 content, sent by an executive agency to more than 2 recipi-
10 ents with the intent of—

11 (1) gathering information for use by such exec-
12 utive agency;

13 (2) informing the public of such executive agen-
14 cy action; or

15 (3) encouraging support for action by such ex-
16 ecutive agency.

17 (c) SURVEY.—The term “survey” means any ques-
18 tionnaire designed to gather information from the public
19 for use by an executive agency.

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