

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1117

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to apply the ban on contributions and expenditures by foreign nationals to domestic corporations in which foreign principals have an ownership interest.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 13, 2013

Mr. GRAYSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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; FINDINGS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “America is for Americans Act”.

6 (b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

7 (1) The Government has a compelling interest
8 in preventing foreign individuals and associations

1 from influencing our Nation’s political process. Such
2 entities neither enjoy nor deserve any legal or con-
3 stitutional right to such influence.

4 (2) The presence of foreign individuals or asso-
5 ciations within domestic associations, to any degree,
6 creates an unacceptable risk of foreign influence
7 over our Nation’s political process.

8 (3) The law does not allow foreign individuals
9 and associations to vote in our elections; by the
10 same token, the law should not allow them to exer-
11 cise any influence over our Nation’s political process,
12 directly or indirectly, and neither personally nor in
13 alliance or combination with others.

14 **SEC. 2. APPLICATION OF BAN ON CONTRIBUTIONS AND EX-**
15 **PENDITURES BY FOREIGN NATIONALS TO DO-**
16 **MESTIC CORPORATIONS WITH FOREIGN OWN-**
17 **ERSHIP.**

18 Section 319(b) of the Federal Election Campaign Act
19 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441e(b)) is amended—

20 (1) by striking “or” at the end of paragraph
21 (1);

22 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
23 graph (2) and inserting “; or”; and

24 (3) by adding at the end the following new
25 paragraph:

1 “(3) a corporation (other than a foreign prin-
2 cipal, as so defined) in which one or more foreign
3 principals directly or indirectly has an ownership in-
4 terest.”.

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