

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 318

To amend title 18, United States Code, to extend the post-employment restrictions on lobbying by Members of Congress and officers and employees of the legislative branch.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POSEY 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 “Stop the Revolving
5 Door in Washington Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF POST-EMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS.**

7 (a) EXTENSION OF RESTRICTIONS.—Section 207(e)
8 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) by amending paragraph (1) to read as fol-
2 lows:

3 “(1) MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.—Any person
4 who is a Senator or a Member of the House of Rep-
5 resentatives and who, within 5 years after that per-
6 son leaves office, knowingly makes, with the intent
7 to influence, any communication to or appearance
8 before any Member, officer, or employee of either
9 House of Congress or any employee of any other leg-
10 islative office of the Congress, on behalf of any other
11 person (except the United States) in connection with
12 any matter on which such former Senator or Mem-
13 ber seeks action by a Member, officer, or employee
14 of either House of Congress, in his or her official ca-
15 pacity, shall be punished as provided in section 216
16 of this title.”;

17 (2) by striking paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (5),
18 and (6) and inserting the following:

19 “(2) OFFICERS OF THE CONGRESS.—Any per-
20 son who is an elected officer of the Senate or of the
21 House of Representatives and who, within 2 years
22 after that person leaves office, knowingly makes,
23 with the intent to influence, any communication to
24 or appearance before any Member, officer, or em-
25 ployee of either House of Congress or any employee

1 of any other legislative office of the Congress, on be-
2 half of any other person (except the United States)
3 in connection with any matter on which such former
4 elected officer seeks action by a Member, officer, or
5 employee of either House of Congress, in his or her
6 official capacity, shall be punished as provided in
7 section 216 of this title.

8 “(3) EMPLOYEES OF THE CONGRESS.—Any
9 person who is an employee of the Senate, or an em-
10 ployee of the House of Representatives, to whom
11 paragraph (5)(A) applies and who, within 2 years
12 after the termination of that employment, knowingly
13 makes, with the intent to influence, any communica-
14 tion to or appearance before any Member, officer, or
15 employee of either House of Congress or any em-
16 ployee of any other legislative office of the Congress,
17 on behalf of any other person (except the United
18 States) in connection with any matter on which such
19 former employee seeks action by a Member, officer,
20 or employee of either House of Congress, in his or
21 her official capacity, shall be punished as provided in
22 section 216 of this title.

23 “(4) EMPLOYEES OF OTHER LEGISLATIVE OF-
24 FICES.—Any person who is an employee of any other
25 legislative office of the Congress to whom paragraph

1 (5)(B) applies and who, within 2 years after the ter-
 2 mination of that employment, knowingly makes, with
 3 the intent to influence, any communication to or ap-
 4 pearance before any Member, officer, or employee of
 5 either House of Congress or any employee of any
 6 other legislative office of the Congress, on behalf of
 7 any other person (except the United States) in con-
 8 nection with any matter on which such former em-
 9 ployee seeks action by a Member, officer, or em-
 10 ployee of either House of Congress, in his or her of-
 11 ficial capacity, shall be punished as provided in sec-
 12 tion 216 of this title.”;

13 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (7), (8), and
 14 (9), as paragraphs (5), (6), and (7), respectively;

15 (4) in paragraph (5), as redesignated—

16 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking
 17 “paragraphs (2), (3), (4), and (5)” and insert-
 18 ing “paragraph (3)”; and

19 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking
 20 “paragraph (6)” and inserting “paragraph
 21 (4)”; and

22 (5) in paragraph (7)(G), as redesignated, by
 23 striking “(3), (4), or (5)” and inserting “or (3)”.

24 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 103(a) of
 25 the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007

1 (2 U.S.C. 4702(a)) is amended by striking “paragraph
2 (2), (3), (4), or (5)” and inserting “paragraph (3)”.

3 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4 The amendments made by section 2 shall apply to
5 individuals who leave office or employment to which such
6 amendments apply on or after the date of the enactment
7 of this Act.

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