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H. R. 5005

To prohibit the hiring of additional employees of any office of the legislative branch until the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President pro tempore of the Senate certifies that no employee of the office has a seriously delinquent tax debt.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 20, 2016

Mr. BLUMENAUER (for himself and Mr. HANNA) 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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “No Hires for the Delin-

5 quent Congress Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON HIRING OF NEW EMPLOYEES BY**
2 **LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OFFICES UNTIL CER-**
3 **TIFICATION THAT NO EMPLOYEE OF THE OF-**
4 **FICE HAS A SERIOUSLY DELINQUENT TAX**
5 **DEBT.**

6 (a) PROHIBITION ON HIRING.—No office of the legis-
7 lative branch may extend an offer of employment to any
8 individual until after the applicable certifying official has
9 submitted to Congress either the certification described in
10 subsection (b) or the report described in subsection (c).

11 (b) CERTIFICATION.—With respect to an office of the
12 legislative branch, the certification referred to in sub-
13 section (a) is a written certification that the office does
14 not employ any individual who has a seriously delinquent
15 tax debt (as defined in section 2(b)(2)).

16 (c) REPORT.—With respect to an office of the legisla-
17 tive branch, the report referred to in subsection (a) is a
18 report that—

19 (1) states that the certification described in
20 subsection (b) cannot be made;

21 (2) provides an explanation of why such certifi-
22 cation is not possible;

23 (3) outlines the remedial actions that would be
24 required for the applicable certifying official to be in
25 a position to so certify; and

1 (4) provides an indication of the time that
2 would be required for those actions to be completed.

3 (d) APPLICABLE CERTIFYING OFFICIAL DEFINED.—

4 In this section, the “applicable certifying official” with re-
5 spect to an office of the legislative branch means—

6 (1) in the case of an office of the House of Rep-
7 resentatives, the Speaker of the House of Represent-
8 atives;

9 (2) in the case of an office of the Senate, the
10 President pro tempore of the Senate; and

11 (3) in the case of any other office, the Speaker
12 and the President pro tempore acting jointly.

13 (e) SERIOUSLY DELINQUENT TAX DEBT DE-
14 FINED.—In this section, the term “seriously delinquent
15 tax debt” means an outstanding debt under the Internal
16 Revenue Code of 1986 for which a notice of lien has been
17 filed in public records pursuant to section 6323 of such
18 Code, except that such term does not include—

19 (1) a debt that is being paid in a timely manner
20 pursuant to an agreement under section 6159 or
21 section 7122 of such Code;

22 (2) a debt with respect to which a collection due
23 process hearing under section 6330 of such Code, or
24 relief under subsection (a), (b), or (f) of section
25 6015 of such Code, is requested or pending;

- 1 (3) a debt with respect to which a levy has been
2 made under section 6331 of such Code (or a debt
3 with respect to which the individual agrees to be
4 subject to a levy made under such section); and
5 (4) a debt with respect to which relief under
6 section 6343(a)(1)(D) of such Code is granted.

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