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S. 3488

To protect freedom of speech in America’s electoral process and ensure
transparency in campaign finance.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CRUZ introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to
the Committee on Rules and 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 “SuperPAC Elimination
5 Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS LIM-**
7 **TATIONS.**

8 (a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to allow
9 unlimited direct contributions by citizens and lawful per-

1 manent residents of the United States to candidates in
 2 Federal elections.

3 (b) ELIMINATION OF LIMITATIONS.—Section 315(a)
 4 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C.
 5 30116(a)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1)—

7 (A) by striking subparagraph (A) and re-
 8 designating subparagraphs (B), (C), and (D) as
 9 subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), respectively;
 10 and

11 (B) in subparagraph (B), as redesignated
 12 by subparagraph (A), by striking “(other than
 13 a committee described in subparagraph (D))”
 14 and inserting “(other than an authorized polit-
 15 ical committee of a candidate or a committee
 16 described in subparagraph (C))”;

17 (2) in paragraph (2)—

18 (A) by striking subparagraph (A) and re-
 19 designating subparagraphs (B) and (C) as sub-
 20 paragraphs (A) and (B), respectively; and

21 (B) in subparagraph (B), as redesignated
 22 by subparagraph (A), by inserting “(other than
 23 an authorized political committee of a can-
 24 didate)” after “political committee”; and

25 (3) by striking paragraph (3).

1 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

2 (1) Section 315(a) of such Act (52 U.S.C.
3 30116(a)) is amended by striking paragraph (6).

4 (2)(A) Section 315(c) of such Act (52 U.S.C.
5 30116(c)) is amended—

6 (i) by striking “(a)(1)(B), (a)(3),” in para-
7 graph (1)(B)(i);

8 (ii) by striking “, (a)(1)(B), (a)(3),” in
9 subparagraph (1)(C); and

10 (iii) by striking “, (a)(1)(B), (a)(3),” in
11 paragraph (2)(B)(ii).

12 (B) Section 304(i)(3)(B) of such Act (52
13 U.S.C. 30104(i)(3)(B)) is amended by striking “,
14 (a)(1)(B), (a)(3),”.

15 (3) Section 323(e)(1)(B)(i) of such Act (52
16 U.S.C. 30125(e)(1)(B)(i)) is amended by striking
17 “contributions to candidates and political commit-
18 tees under paragraphs (1), (2), and (3)” and insert-
19 ing “contributions to political committees under
20 paragraphs (1) and (2)”.

21 **SEC. 3. 24-HOUR NOTIFICATION REQUIRED FOR ALL DI-**
22 **RECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES.**

23 Section 304(a)(6)(A) of the Federal Election Cam-
24 paign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30104(a)(6)(A)) is amended
25 to read as follows:

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—

2 “(i) If a candidate receives an aggre-
3 gate amount of contributions in excess of
4 \$200 from any contributor during a cal-
5 endar year, the principal campaign com-
6 mittee of such candidate shall submit to
7 the Secretary or the Commission, and the
8 Secretary of State, as appropriate, in writ-
9 ing, a notification containing the name of
10 the candidate and office sought by the can-
11 didate, the identification of the contrib-
12 utor, and the date of the receipt and
13 amount of the contribution.

14 “(ii) If, at any time after a candidate
15 is required to submit a notification under
16 this subparagraph with respect to a con-
17 tributor during a calendar year, the can-
18 didate receives additional contributions
19 from that contributor during that year, the
20 principal campaign committee of the can-
21 didate shall submit an additional notifica-
22 tion under clause (i) with respect to such
23 contributor.

24 “(iii) The principal campaign com-
25 mittee of the candidate shall submit the

1 notification required under this subpara-
2 graph with respect to a contributor—

3 “(I) in the case of a notification
4 described in clause (i), not later than
5 24 hours after the date on which the
6 aggregate amount of contributions re-
7 ceived from the contributor during the
8 calendar year exceeds \$200; or

9 “(II) in the case of an additional
10 notification described in clause (ii),
11 not later than 24 hours after the date
12 of the contribution.”.

13 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

14 The amendments made by this Act shall apply to con-
15 tributions made for elections occurring after the date of
16 the enactment of this Act.

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