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# H. R. 4076

To require the Securities and Exchange Commission to implement rules  
simplifying the quarterly financial reporting regime.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. WAGNER (for herself and Mr. BUDD) introduced the following bill; which  
was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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## A BILL

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plement rules simplifying the quarterly financial report-  
ing regime.

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 “Modernizing Disclo-  
5       sures for Investors Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. ISSUER OPTION FOR SIMPLIFIED QUARTERLY FI-**  
7       **NANCIAL REPORTING.**

8       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the  
9       date of enactment of this Act, the Securities and Ex-  
10      change Commission shall issue such rules as the Commis-

1 sion determines may be necessary or appropriate in the  
2 public interest or for the protection of investors to allow  
3 issuers of securities traded on a national securities ex-  
4 change to elect to disclose quarterly financial information  
5 in a simplified manner, such as through a press release  
6 or by a shortened form. In issuing such disclosure rules,  
7 the Commission shall—

8           (1) amend rules issued pursuant to sections  
9       13(a) and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of  
10      1934 to permit issuers of securities traded on a na-  
11      tional securities exchange to disclose quarterly finan-  
12      cial information in a manner other than through fil-  
13      ing a Form 10-Q;

14           (2) require financial statements disclosed pur-  
15      suant to such rules to include a quarterly income  
16      statement, a balance sheet as of the last day of the  
17      quarter, and a statement of operations, all prepared  
18      in accordance with such rules as the Commission  
19      may adopt consistent with this Act;

20           (3) not provide any exemption with respect to  
21      the requirements of section 302 of the Sarbanes-  
22      Oxley Act of 2002 and section 1350 of title 18,  
23      United States Code; and

24           (4) require that such disclosures include a  
25      statement of any material changes in financial con-

1       dition or results of operations since the end of the  
2       issuer’s most recent financial statements disclosed  
3       pursuant to the Commission’s rules.

4       (b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

5           (1) NATIONAL SECURITIES EXCHANGE.—The  
6       term “national securities exchange” means an ex-  
7       change registered as a national securities exchange  
8       pursuant to section 6 of the Securities Exchange Act  
9       of 1934.

10          (2) OTHER TERMS.—The terms “Commission”,  
11       “issuer”, and “security” have the meaning given  
12       those terms, respectively, under section 3 of the Se-  
13       curities Exchange Act of 1934.

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