

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 626

To repeal debt collection amendments made by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 28, 2019

Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. LEE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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## 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 “Help Americans Never  
5       Get Unwanted Phone calls Act of 2019” or the “HANG-  
6       UP Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF DEBT COLLECTION AMENDMENTS;**2 **CLARIFYING COVERAGE WITH RESPECT TO**  
3 **GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Communications Act of 1934

5 (47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.) is amended—

6 (1) in section 3 (47 U.S.C. 153), by striking  
7 paragraph (39) and inserting the following:

8 “(39) PERSON.—The term ‘person’—

9 “(A) includes an individual, partnership,  
10 association, joint-stock company, trust, or cor-  
11 poration; and12 “(B) for the purposes of section 227, in-  
13 cludes—

14 “(i) a contractor of—

15 “(I) the United States Govern-  
16 ment; or17 “(II) any State or local govern-  
18 ment; and19 “(ii) an entity of any legal form.”;  
20 and

21 (2) in section 227(b) (47 U.S.C. 227(b))—

22 (A) in paragraph (1)—

23 (i) in subparagraph (A)(iii), by strik-  
24 ing “, unless such call is made solely to  
25 collect a debt owed to or guaranteed by the  
26 United States”; and

1 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
2 “, is made solely pursuant to the collection  
3 of a debt owed to or guaranteed by the  
4 United States,”; and

5 (B) in paragraph (2)—

6 (i) in subparagraph (F)(ii), by adding  
7 “and” at the end;

8 (ii) in subparagraph (G)(ii), by strik-  
9 ing “; and” at the end and inserting a pe-  
10 riod; and

11 (iii) by striking subparagraph (H).

12 (b) REGULATIONS.—Section 301(b) of the Bipartisan  
13 Budget Act of 2015 (47 U.S.C. 227 note) is repealed.