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H. R. 10263

To clarify the applicability of certain Federal and State laws for conducting routine digital commerce, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

Mr. FULCHER 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 “Halt Abusive Internet
5 Lawsuits Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN LAWS TO COLLECTION,**
7 **PROCESSING, OR DISCLOSURE OF INFORMA-**
8 **TION OR COMMUNICATIONS FOR A COMMER-**
9 **CIAL PURPOSE.**

10 (a) APPLICABILITY.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The collection, processing,
2 or disclosure of information or communications for
3 a commercial purpose shall give rise to no claim or
4 enforcement action under Federal or State law with
5 respect to pen registers, wiretapping, trap and trace,
6 or eavesdropping, including chapter 1.5 of the Penal
7 Code of California (commonly known as the “Calif-
8 ornia Invasion of Privacy Act”).

9 (2) EXPIRATION OF CERTAIN CLAIMS AND AC-
10 TIONS.—Any such claim or enforcement action in
11 progress as of the date of the enactment of this Act
12 may not be maintained, adjudicated, or arbitrated
13 after such date.

14 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) COMMERCIAL PURPOSE.—The term “com-
16 mercial purpose” includes the use of digital com-
17 merce for—

18 (A) the operations of a business or a serv-
19 ice provider or contractor to a business;

20 (B) marketing or advertising;

21 (C) prompting, receiving, or responding to
22 consumer input;

23 (D) facilitating the sale or purchase of
24 goods or services; or

1 (E) any commercial or business purpose as
2 defined under law or regulation of a State in
3 which the collection, processing, or disclosure of
4 information occurs.

5 (2) DIGITAL COMMERCE.—The term “digital
6 commerce” means the promotion, sale, purchase, de-
7 livery, or support of products or services through
8 connected digital networks and tools, including
9 through the use of cookies, pixels, session replay,
10 chatbots, tags, and analytics.

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