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To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require written consent before using union dues and other mandatory employee fees for political activities.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. SHELBY) 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 “Union Member Protec-
5 tion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. WRITTEN CONSENT REQUIRED TO USE UNION DUES**
 2 **AND OTHER MANDATORY EMPLOYEE FEES**
 3 **FOR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 316(b) of the Federal
 5 Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441b(b)) is
 6 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
 7 graph:

8 “(8)(A) No dues, fees, or other moneys required
 9 as a condition of membership in a labor organization
 10 or as a condition of employment shall be collected
 11 from an individual for use in activities described in
 12 subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of paragraph (2) un-
 13 less the individual has given prior written consent
 14 for such use.

15 “(B) Any consent granted by an individual
 16 under subparagraph (A) shall remain in effect until
 17 revoked and may be revoked in writing at any time.

18 “(C) This paragraph shall apply to activities
 19 described in paragraph (2)(A) only if the commu-
 20 nications involved expressly advocate the election or
 21 defeat of any clearly identified candidate for elective
 22 public office.”

23 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
 24 this section shall apply to amounts collected more than
 25 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.