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H. R. 275

To amend the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 to require improved disclosure of corporate charitable contributions, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GILLMOR (for himself and Mr. TIBERI) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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 “ Corporate Charitable
5 Disclosure Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. DISCLOSURE OF CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS.**

7 Section 14 of the Securities and Exchange Act of
8 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78n) is amended by adding at the end
9 thereof the following new subsection:

1 “(i) DISCLOSURE OF CHARITABLE CONTRIBU-
2 TIONS.—

3 “(1) DISCLOSURES REQUIRED.—

4 “(A) SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO IN-
5 SIDER-AFFILIATED CHARITIES.—The state-
6 ments or documents described in subparagraph
7 (B) shall include—

8 “(i) a disclosure of contributions
9 whose value exceeds the designated amount
10 that were made by the issuer during the
11 issuer’s previous year to any nonprofit or-
12 ganization of which a director, officer, or
13 controlling person of the issuer, or a
14 spouse thereof, was a director or trustee;
15 and

16 “(ii) the name of such nonprofit orga-
17 nization and the value of the contribution.

18 “(B) STATEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS COV-
19 ERED.—The requirements of subparagraph (A)
20 apply to—

21 “(i) the proxy statement or other doc-
22 uments accompanying any proxy, consent,
23 or authorization solicited by or on behalf of
24 the management of an issuer in respect of
25 a security registered pursuant to section

1 12 of this title, or a security issued by an
2 investment company registered under the
3 Investment Company Act of 1940, prior to
4 any annual meeting of the holders of such
5 security; or

6 “(ii) if proxies, consents, or authoriza-
7 tions are not solicited by the management
8 in respect of the annual meeting, the writ-
9 ten information statement distributed in
10 connection therewith.

11 “(2) ANNUAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED.—Every
12 issuer with a security registered pursuant to section
13 12 of this title, or a security issued by an investment
14 company registered under the Investment Company
15 Act of 1940, shall annually make available, in a for-
16 mat designated by the Commission, the total value
17 of contributions made by the issuer to nonprofit or-
18 ganizations during its previous fiscal year, and, if
19 the value of contributions to any organization ex-
20 ceeds the designated amount, the name of that orga-
21 nization and the value of contributions.

22 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sub-
23 section—

24 “(A) the term ‘designated amount’ means
25 such amount as may be designated by the Com-

1 mission by rule, consistent with the public in-
2 terest and the protection of investors for pur-
3 poses of this subsection; and

4 “(B) the Commission may, by such rules
5 as it deems necessary or appropriate in the
6 public interest, define the terms executive offi-
7 cer and controlling person.”.

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