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H. R. 4142

To address the concept of “Too Big To Fail” with respect to certain financial entities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HINCHEY 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 “Too Big to Fail, Too
5 Big to Exist Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORT TO CONGRESS ON INSTITUTIONS THAT**

7 **ARE TOO BIG TO FAIL.**

8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, not later
9 than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the
10 Secretary of the Treasury shall submit to Congress a list

1 of all commercial banks, investment banks, hedge funds,
2 and insurance companies that the Secretary believes are
3 too big to fail (in this Act referred to as the “Too Big
4 to Fail List”).

5 **SEC. 3. BREAKING-UP TOO BIG TO FAIL INSTITUTIONS.**

6 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, begin-
7 ning 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
8 the Secretary of the Treasury shall break up entities in-
9 cluded on the Too Big To Fail List, so that their failure
10 would no longer cause a catastrophic effect on the United
11 States or global economy without a taxpayer bailout.

12 **SEC. 4. DEFINITION.**

13 For purposes of this Act, the term “Too Big to Fail”
14 means any entity that has grown so large that its failure
15 would have a catastrophic effect on the stability of either
16 the financial system or the United States economy without
17 substantial Government assistance.

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