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To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit the acceptance by political committees of online contributions from certain unverified sources, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 3, 2015

Mr. GOSAR (for himself, Mr. BRAT, Mr. BUCK, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. JONES, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. MESSER, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. POSEY, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. SALMON, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. STUTZMAN, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. RIGELL, and Mr. BABIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House 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 “Stop Foreign Dona-
5 tions Affecting Our Elections Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING DISCLOSURE OF CREDIT VERIFICATION**
2 **VALUE AS CONDITION OF ACCEPTANCE OF**
3 **ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS TO FEDERAL ELEC-**
4 **TION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 302 of the Federal Elec-
6 tion Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30102) is amended
7 by adding at the end the following:

8 “(j)(1) No political committee shall accept any Inter-
9 net credit card contribution unless—

10 “(A) the individual or entity making such
11 contribution is required, at the time such indi-
12 vidual makes such contribution, to disclose the
13 credit verification value of such credit card; and

14 “(B)(i) the billing address associated with
15 such credit card is located in the United States;
16 or

17 “(ii) in the case of a contribution made by
18 an individual who is a United States citizen liv-
19 ing outside of the United States, the individual
20 provides the committee with the United States
21 mailing address the individual uses for voter
22 registration purposes.

23 “(2) Notwithstanding subsection (b) or (c), in the
24 case of an Internet credit card contribution—

25 “(A) no later than 10 days after receiving the
26 contribution, the person who receives the contribu-

1 tion shall forward to the treasurer such contribution,
2 the name and address of the person making the con-
3 tribution, and the date of receipt; and

4 “(B) the treasurer of a political committee shall
5 keep an account of the name and address of any
6 person making any such contribution, together with
7 the date and amount of such contribution by any
8 person.

9 “(3) In this subsection, the term ‘Internet credit card
10 contribution’ means a contribution that—

11 “(A) is made using a credit card; and

12 “(B) is received through an Internet website.”.

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
14 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to contributions
15 made after the expiration of the 180-day period which be-
16 gins on the date of the enactment of this Act.

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