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1ST SESSION

H. R. 1421

To repeal debt collection amendments made by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 28, 2019

Ms. ESHOO (for herself, Mr. COOPER, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. CASE, and Mr. RASKIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Help Americans Never
5 Get Unwanted Phone calls Act of 2019” or the “HANG-
6 UP Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF DEBT COLLECTION AMENDMENTS;**
2 **CLARIFYING COVERAGE WITH RESPECT TO**
3 **GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Communications Act of 1934
5 (47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.) is amended—

6 (1) in section 3, by striking paragraph (39) and
7 inserting the following:

8 “(39) PERSON.—The term ‘person’—

9 “(A) includes an individual, partnership,
10 association, joint-stock company, trust, or cor-
11 poration; and

12 “(B) for the purposes of section 227, in-
13 cludes a contractor of the United States Gov-
14 ernment with respect to a call that is made
15 solely to collect a debt owed to or guaranteed
16 by the United States.”; and

17 (2) in section 227(b)—

18 (A) in paragraph (1)—

19 (i) in subparagraph (A)(iii), by strik-
20 ing “, unless such call is made solely to
21 collect a debt owed to or guaranteed by the
22 United States”; and

23 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
24 “, is made solely pursuant to the collection
25 of a debt owed to or guaranteed by the
26 United States,”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (2)—

2 (i) in subparagraph (F)(ii), by adding

3 “and” at the end;

4 (ii) in subparagraph (G)(ii), by strik-

5 ing “; and” at the end and inserting a pe-

6 riod; and

7 (iii) by striking subparagraph (H).

8 (b) REGULATIONS.—Section 301(b) of the Bipartisan
9 Budget Act of 2015 (47 U.S.C. 227 note; Public Law
10 114–74) is repealed.

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