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H. R. 5015

To direct the Federal Communications Commission to revise its sponsorship identification rules so as to require the disclosure of the names of significant donors to persons paying for or furnishing broadcast matter or origination cablecasting matter that is political matter or matter involving the discussion of a controversial issue of public importance.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 8, 2019

Mr. LUJÁN (for himself, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. WELCH, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. MCNERNEY, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. PETERS, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. NORTON, Mr. COOPER, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. POCAN, Mr. COHEN, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. HIMES, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. LAMB, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. MORELLE, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. DEFazio, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. KIM, Mr. TED LIEU of California, and Mrs. LEE of Nevada) 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 “Honest Campaigns Act
5 of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. REVISION TO SPONSORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**
7 **RULES.**

8 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
9 ment of this Act, the Federal Communications Commis-
10 sion shall revise its sponsorship identification rules (sec-
11 tions 73.1212 and 76.1615 of title 47, Code of Federal
12 Regulations) so as to provide that, in the case of broadcast
13 matter or origination cablecasting matter that is political
14 matter or matter involving the discussion of a controver-
15 sial issue of public importance, the announcement required
16 by such sections shall include the names of significant do-
17 nors to the person the identity of which is required to be
18 disclosed in such announcement.

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