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H. R. 6250

To amend title 39, United States Code, to prohibit deceptive mail relating to the census, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York (for herself and Ms. ESHOO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

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 “Census Form Integrity
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON DECEPTIVE MAILINGS RELATING**
7 **TO THE CENSUS.**

8 Section 3001(i) of title 39, United States Code, is
9 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(3)(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of
2 this section, and except as provided in subparagraph
3 (C), any matter described in subparagraph (B) is
4 nonmailable matter, shall not be carried or delivered
5 by mail, and shall be disposed of as the Postal Service
6 directs.

7 “(B) Matter described in this subparagraph is
8 any matter that is otherwise legally acceptable in the
9 mails which constitutes a solicitation by a non-
10 governmental entity for information or the contribu-
11 tion of funds that—

12 “(i) bears the term ‘census’ on such mat-
13 ter, or on the envelope or outside cover or wrap-
14 per in which the matter is mailed; and

15 “(ii)(I) bears the term ‘official’, or any
16 other language suggesting that a response is re-
17 quired or mandatory, on such matter, or on the
18 envelope or outside cover or wrapper in which
19 the matter is mailed; or

20 “(II) could be reasonably interpreted or
21 construed as implying any Federal Government
22 connection, approval, or endorsement.

23 “(C) This paragraph shall not apply to—

24 “(i) any matter mailed by a Federal agen-
25 cy; or

“(ii) any matter, and the envelope or outside cover or wrapper in which such matter is mailed, that bears on its face in capital letters and in conspicuous and legible type the following notices: ‘THIS ORGANIZATION HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED OR ENDORSED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND THIS OFFER IS NOT BEING MADE BY AN AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.’ and ‘THIS IS NOT A GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT’, or notices to the same effect in words which the Postal Service may prescribe.

“(D) If the Postmaster General determines that matter has been placed in the mail in violation of this paragraph—

“(i) not later than 15 days after the date of such determination, the Postmaster General shall notify the Director of the Bureau of the Census, the Committee on Oversight and Reform of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate; and

“(ii) any mailing permit used by the non-governmental entity that mailed such matter

1 shall be revoked for a period, to be determined
2 by the Postmaster General, of up to 1 year be-
3 ginning on such date of determination.”.

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