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H. R. 8792

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require political committees soliciting contributions by hyperlinks contained in text messages to include the full name of the hyperlink and the identification of the committee within the message.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 19, 2020

Mr. TIPTON 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 “Transparency in Cam-
5 paign Text Message Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING FULL NAME OF HYPERLINK AND IDEN-**
 2 **TIFICATION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE IN**
 3 **SOLICITATION OF CONTRIBUTION BY**
 4 **HYPERLINK CONTAINED IN TEXT MESSAGE.**

5 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Section 315 of the Federal
 6 Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30116) is
 7 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
 8 section:

9 “(k) REQUIRING FULL NAME OF HYPERLINK AND
 10 IDENTIFICATION OF COMMITTEE IN SOLICITATION OF
 11 CONTRIBUTION BY HYPERLINK CONTAINED IN TEXT
 12 MESSAGE.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A political committee may
 14 not solicit a contribution by a hyperlink contained in
 15 a text message unless the message includes—

16 “(A) the full, unabbreviated name of the
 17 hyperlink; and

18 “(B) the identification of the committee
 19 (and, in the case of an authorized committee of
 20 a candidate, the identification of the candidate).

21 “(2) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
 22 ‘text message’ has the meaning given such term in
 23 section 227(e)(8)(C) of the Communications Act of
 24 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227(e)(8)(C)).”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to contributions so-
3 licited on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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