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H. R. 1237

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit a person from knowingly providing substantial assistance relating to a contribution or donation by a foreign national, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HOULAHAN 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 Supporting For-
5 eign Interference in Our Democracy Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON PROVISION OF SUBSTANTIAL AS-**
2 **SISTANCE RELATING TO CONTRIBUTION OR**
3 **DONATION BY FOREIGN NATIONALS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 319 of the Federal Elec-
5 tion Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30121) is amend-
6 ed—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) by striking “or” at the end of para-
9 graph (1)(C);

10 (B) by striking the period at the end of
11 paragraph (2) and inserting “; or”; and

12 (C) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(3) a person to knowingly provide substantial
14 assistance to another person in carrying out an ac-
15 tivity described in paragraph (1) or (2).”; and

16 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
17 sections:

18 “(c) KNOWINGLY DESCRIBED.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of subsection
20 (a)(3), the term ‘knowingly’ means actual knowl-
21 edge, awareness of pertinent facts that would lead a
22 reasonable person to conclude there is a substantial
23 probability, or awareness of pertinent facts that
24 would lead a reasonable person to conduct a reason-
25 able inquiry to establish—

1 “(A) with respect to an activity described
2 in subsection (a)(1), that the contribution, do-
3 nation, expenditure, independent expenditure,
4 or disbursement is from a foreign national; and

5 “(B) with respect to an activity described
6 in subsection (a)(2), that the contribution or
7 donation solicited, accepted, or received is from
8 a foreign national.

9 “(2) PERTINENT FACTS.—For purposes of
10 paragraph (1), pertinent facts include, but are not
11 limited to, that the person making the contribution,
12 donation, expenditure, independent expenditure, or
13 disbursement, or that the person from whom the
14 contribution or donation is solicited, accepted, or re-
15 ceived—

16 “(A) uses a foreign passport or passport
17 number for identification purposes;

18 “(B) provides a foreign address;

19 “(C) uses a check or other written instru-
20 ment drawn on a foreign bank, or by a wire
21 transfer from a foreign bank, in carrying out
22 the activity; or

23 “(D) resides abroad.

24 “(d) SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE DEFINED.—As used
25 in this section, the term ‘substantial assistance’ means,

1 with respect to an activity prohibited by paragraph (1) or
2 (2) of subsection (a), involvement with an intent to facili-
3 tate successful completion of the activity.”.

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