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H. R. 2876

To prevent discrimination on the basis of political beliefs by the
Environmental Protection Agency in its student programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2011

Mr. POMPEO (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. CARTER, Mr. HARPER, and Mr. MCKINLEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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by the Environmental Protection Agency in its student
programs.

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 “EPA Student Non-
5 discrimination Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION.**

2 No student internship, fellowship, scholarship, or
3 other student program administered by the Environmental
4 Protection Agency may establish any requirement that an
5 applicant possess any experience that constitutes an en-
6 dorsement of a particular political position with regard to
7 environmental protection.

8 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION AGAINST FUNDING CERTAIN EPA**
9 **STUDENT PROGRAMS.**

10 No funds shall be used to provide financial compensa-
11 tion, including grants, stipends, expenses, or salary, for
12 the following student programs administered by the Envi-
13 ronmental Protection Agency:

14 (1) The Student Diversity Internship Program
15 Environmental Justice Eco-Ambassador Focus.

16 (2) Programs related to the study of green-
17 house gas emissions.

18 **SEC. 4. REPORT ON PROCEDURES.**

19 Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment
20 of this Act, the Administrator of the Environmental Pro-
21 tection Agency shall submit a report to Congress detailing
22 existing policies, procedures, and actions taken within the
23 last 3 years in recruiting and hiring applicants for all En-
24 vironmental Protection Agency student programs. The re-
25 port shall include—

1 (1) efforts to recruit student advocates, includ-
2 ing any communications between the Environmental
3 Protection Agency and nongovernmental organiza-
4 tions;

5 (2) policies and procedures related to the review
6 of student applications, including a list of the per-
7 sonnel involved in such processes;

8 (3) any efforts to consider applicants with pol-
9 icy views or experience that were counter to stated
10 agency goals; and

11 (4) policies to ensure that applicants for Envi-
12 ronmental Protection Agency student programs will
13 be recruited and reviewed in accordance with section
14 2 of this Act.

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