

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4540

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to extend the ban on election activity by foreign nationals to election activity by domestic corporations which are subsidiaries of foreign principals.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 27, 2010

Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Mr. COHEN, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. KAGEN, and Mrs. LOWEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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## 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 “Prevent Foreign Infl-

5       ence in our Elections Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. APPLICATION OF BAN ON CONTRIBUTIONS AND EX-**  
2 **PENDITURES BY FOREIGN NATIONALS TO DO-**  
3 **MESTIC CORPORATIONS WHICH ARE SUB-**  
4 **SIDIARIES OF FOREIGN PRINCIPALS.**

5 Section 319(b) of the Federal Election Campaign Act  
6 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441e(b)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “or” at the end of paragraph  
8 (1);

9 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-  
10 graph (2) and inserting “; or”; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
12 paragraph:

13 “(3) a corporation (other than a foreign prin-  
14 cipal described in paragraph (1)) with respect to  
15 which the percentage of outstanding shares con-  
16 trolled directly or indirectly by foreign principals is  
17 equal to or greater than 50 percent.”.

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