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H. R. 8975

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require authorized committees of candidates for election for Federal office to include in the reports the committees are required to file under such Act information on contributions received from small dollar donors, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BALINT (for herself, Mr. TONKO, and Ms. JAYAPAL) 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 “Small Dollar Donor
5 Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISCLOSURE OF CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM**
2 **SMALL DOLLAR DONORS.**

3 (a) DISCLOSURE REQUIRED.—Section 304(b)(2) of
4 the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C.
5 30104(b)(2)) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-
7 graph (J);

8 (2) by adding “and” at the end of subpara-
9 graph (K); and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
11 paragraph:

12 “(L) for an authorized committee, con-
13 tributions from persons whose identification the
14 committee does not report under subparagraph
15 (A), (F), or (G) of paragraph (3) because the
16 receipts described in such subparagraph which
17 are provided from such persons do not have an
18 aggregate amount or value in excess of \$200
19 within the election cycle, together with the num-
20 ber of such contributions received within the
21 election cycle;”.

22 (b) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 90 days after the
23 date of the enactment of this Act, the Federal Election
24 Commission shall publish guidance to assist committees
25 with complying with the requirements of section

1 304(b)(2)(L) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of
2 1971, as added by subsection (a)(3).

3 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
4 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to reports filed
5 under section 304(b) of the Federal Election Campaign
6 Act on or after the date of the enactment of this Act, ex-
7 cept that in the case of a committee which filed a report
8 under such section during the 90-day period which ends
9 on the date of the enactment of this Act, the amendments
10 shall apply with respect to the second report a committee
11 is required to file under section after such date and each
12 subsequent report.

13 **SEC. 3. ANALYSIS OF DECEPTIVE AND FRAUDULENT METH-**
14 **ODS OF SOLICITATION OF SMALL DOLLAR**
15 **DONORS BY CANDIDATE COMMITTEES.**

16 (a) REPORT.—The Federal Election Commission
17 shall conduct a study of the methods used by committees
18 of candidates for election for Federal office under the Fed-
19 eral Election Campaign Act of 1971 to solicit contribu-
20 tions from individuals in amounts below the threshold for
21 disclosing the identification of donors under the Act, and
22 shall include in the study an analysis of the extent to
23 which committees use methods which are deceptive or
24 fraudulent to solicit such contributions.

1 (b) DEADLINE.—Not later than 180 days after the
2 date of the enactment of this Act, the Commission shall
3 submit a report to Congress on the study conducted under
4 subsection (a), and shall include in the report such rec-
5 ommendations as the Commission considers appropriate to
6 prevent the use of deceptive and fraudulent methods to
7 solicit the contributions described in subsection (a).

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