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1ST SESSION**S. 1751**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 5, 2009

Mr. JOHANNIS (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska) introduced the following bill; which was read the first time

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Read the second time and placed on the calendar

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Protect Taxpayers
3 From ACORN Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITIONS ON FEDERAL FUNDS AND OTHER**
5 **ACTIVITIES WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN IN-**
6 **DICTED ORGANIZATIONS.**

7 (a) PROHIBITIONS.—With respect to any covered or-
8 ganization, the following prohibitions apply:

9 (1) No Federal contract, grant, cooperative
10 agreement, or any other form of agreement (includ-
11 ing a memorandum of understanding) may be
12 awarded to or entered into with the organization.

13 (2) No Federal funds in any other form may be
14 directly or indirectly provided to the organization,
15 including through any State, any political subdivi-
16 sion of a State, or any other recipient of Federal
17 funds.

18 (3) No Federal employee or contractor may
19 promote in any way (including recommending to a
20 person or referring to a person for any purpose) the
21 organization.

22 (b) COVERED ORGANIZATION.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—In this section, the term
24 “covered organization” means—

1 (A) the Association of Community Organi-
 2 zations for Reform Now (in this subsection re-
 3 ferred to as “ACORN”);

4 (B) any ACORN-related affiliate; and

5 (C) any organization which has a pending
 6 indictment for or has been convicted of a viola-
 7 tion under Federal or State law governing—

8 (i) the financing of a campaign for an
 9 election for public office; or

10 (ii) the administration of an election
 11 for public office, including voter registra-
 12 tion.

13 (2) ACORN-RELATED AFFILIATE.—The term
 14 “ACORN-related affiliate” means any of the fol-
 15 lowing:

16 (A) Any State chapter of ACORN reg-
 17 istered with the Secretary of State’s office in
 18 that State.

19 (B) Any organization that shares directors
 20 or employees with ACORN.

21 (C) Any organization that has a financial
 22 stake in ACORN.

23 (D) Any organization whose finances,
 24 whether Federally funded, donor-funded, or

1 raised through organizational goods and serv-
2 ices, are shared or controlled by ACORN.

3 (c) REVISION OF FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULA-
4 TION.—The Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council shall
5 amend the Federal Acquisition Regulation to carry out the
6 provisions of this Act relating to contracts.

7 (d) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than 30 days after
8 the date of the enactment of this Act, and April 1 of each
9 year thereafter, the Comptroller General shall submit a
10 report to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate
11 and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of
12 Representatives identifying covered organizations to which
13 this section applies.

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