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H. R. 2605

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 15, 2021

Mr. TAKANO (for himself and Mr. CASE) 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 “Let It Go Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TIMEFRAME FOR AND PRIORITIZATION OF DIS-**
2 **POSAL OF CONTRIBUTIONS OR DONATIONS**
3 **BY CANDIDATES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 313 of the Federal Elec-
5 tion Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30114) is amend-
6 ed—

7 (1) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
8 section (d); and

9 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
10 lowing new subsection:

11 “(c) DISPOSAL.—

12 “(1) TIMEFRAME.—Contributions or donations
13 described in subsection (a) may only be used—

14 “(A) in the case of an individual who is
15 not a candidate with respect to an election for
16 any Federal office for a 6-year period beginning
17 on the day after the date of the most recent
18 such election in which the individual was a can-
19 didate for any such office, during such 6-year
20 period; or

21 “(B) in the case of an individual who be-
22 comes a registered lobbyist under the Lobbying
23 Disclosure Act of 1995, before the date on
24 which such individual becomes such a registered
25 lobbyist.

1 “(2) MEANS OF DISPOSAL; PRIORITIZATION.—

2 Beginning on the date the 6-year period described in
3 subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) ends (or, in the
4 case of an individual described in subparagraph (B)
5 of such paragraph, the date on which the individual
6 becomes a registered lobbyist under the Lobbying
7 Disclosure Act of 1995), contributions or donations
8 that remain available to an individual described in
9 such paragraph shall be disposed of, not later than
10 30 days after such date, as follows:

11 “(A) First, to pay any debts or obligations
12 owed in connection with the campaign for elec-
13 tion for Federal office of the individual.

14 “(B) Second, to the extent such contribu-
15 tion or donations remain available after the ap-
16 plication of subparagraph (A), through any of
17 the following means of disposal (or a combina-
18 tion thereof), in any order the individual con-
19 siders appropriate:

20 “(i) Returning such contributions or
21 donations to the individuals, entities, or
22 both, who made such contributions or do-
23 nations.

1 “(ii) Making contributions to an orga-
 2 nization described in section 170(e) of the
 3 Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

4 “(iii) Making transfers to a national,
 5 State, or local committee of a political
 6 party.”.

7 (b) 1-YEAR TRANSITION PERIOD FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an individual
 10 described in paragraph (2), any contributions or do-
 11 nations under section 313(a) of the Federal Election
 12 Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30114(a)) re-
 13 maining available to the individual as of the date of
 14 the enactment of this Act shall be disposed of—

15 (A) not later than one year after the date
 16 of the enactment of this Act; and

17 (B) in accordance with the prioritization
 18 specified in subparagraphs (A) through (B) of
 19 subsection (c)(2) of section 313 of the Federal
 20 Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C.
 21 30114), as amended by subsection (a).

22 (2) INDIVIDUALS DESCRIBED.—An individual
 23 described in this paragraph is an individual who, as
 24 of the date of the enactment of this Act—

(A)(i) is not a candidate with respect to an election for any Federal office for a period of not less than 6 years beginning on the day after the date of the most recent such election in which the individual was a candidate for any such office; or

(ii) is an individual who becomes a registered lobbyist under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995; and

(B) would be in violation of subsection (c) of section 313 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30114), as amended by subsection (a).

SEC. 3. PROHIBITING DONATION OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS TO CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY CANDIDATE OR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS.

(a) PROHIBITION.—Section 313(b) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30114(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3) PROHIBITING CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY CANDIDATE OR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS.—A contribution or donation described in subsection (a)

1 may not be used for a contribution to an organiza-
2 tion described in section 170(c) of the Internal Rev-
3 enue Code of 1986 if the candidate or an immediate
4 family member of the candidate (as defined in sub-
5 section (c)(3)(B)) is an employee of the organization
6 or a member of the organization’s board of directors,
7 or (in the case of an organization which is a cor-
8 poration) the candidate and immediate family mem-
9 bers of the candidate in the aggregate own a major-
10 ity of the corporation’s voting shares.”.

11 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 313 of
12 such Act (52 U.S.C. 30114) is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (a)(3), by striking “for con-
14 tributions” and inserting “except as provided in sub-
15 section (b)(3), for contributions”; and

16 (2) in subsection (c)(2)(B)(ii), as amended by
17 section 2, by striking “Making contributions” and
18 inserting “Except as provided in subsection (b)(3),
19 making contributions”.

20 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
21 this section shall apply with respect to contributions made
22 on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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