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H. R. 5184

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 25, 2006

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Consumer Cancellation
5 Fairness Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CANCELLATION OF SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES.**

7 Not later than 180 days days after the date of the
8 enactment of this Act, the Federal Trade Commission

1 shall promulgate rules pursuant to section 18 of the Fed-
2 eral trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 57a) to require any
3 person providing a subscription service to provide, at min-
4 imum, the ability for individuals who have subscribed to
5 such service to cancel such service in the same manner
6 and by the same means as is provided by such person to
7 individuals to subscribe to such service.

8 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

9 For purposes of the rulemaking required under sec-
10 tion 2—

11 (1) the term “person” has the same meaning
12 given such term in section 551(2) of title 5, United
13 States Code; and

14 (2) the term “subscription service” means any
15 service, including the regular delivery of any prod-
16 uct, for which an individual agrees to receive regular
17 or continual receipt of such service or product and
18 is charged recurring fees or charges for the period
19 during which the individual receives such service,
20 and shall not include any service which requires pay-
21 ment in full before receiving such service.

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