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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ESHOO 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 “Identifying Propa-
5 ganda on Our Airwaves Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PAYMENT FOR BROADCAST.**

2 Section 317(c) of the Communications Act of 1934
3 (47 U.S.C. 317(c)) is amended to read as follows:

4 “(c)(1) The licensee of each radio station shall exer-
5 cise reasonable diligence to obtain information to enable
6 such licensee to make the announcement required by this
7 section.

8 “(2) In carrying out paragraph (1), the licensee of
9 a radio station shall consult—

10 “(A) its employees;

11 “(B) other persons with whom it deals directly
12 in connection with any program or program matter
13 for broadcast; and

14 “(C) any additional source of information the
15 Commission designates that may enable the licensee
16 to verify whether the matter broadcast by the radio
17 station was paid for or furnished by a foreign gov-
18 ernmental entity.

19 “(3) The licensee of a radio station shall—

20 “(A) obtain the information required under
21 paragraph (1)—

22 “(i) when the licensee enters into an agree-
23 ment to lease time on the radio station; and

24 “(ii) when the licensee renews any agree-
25 ment described in clause (i); and

1 “(B) keep a record of the information required
2 under paragraph (1).

3 “(4) For purposes of this subsection—

4 “(A) the term ‘agent of a foreign principal’
5 means an agent of a foreign principal, as defined in
6 section 1(c) of the Foreign Agents Registration Act
7 of 1938, as amended (22 U.S.C. 611(c))—

8 “(i) that is registered as such with the At-
9 torney General under section 2 of that Act (22
10 U.S.C. 612);

11 “(ii) if the agent’s foreign principal—

12 “(I) is a government of a foreign
13 country or a foreign political party; or

14 “(II) is directly or indirectly operated,
15 supervised, directed, owned, controlled, fi-
16 nanced, or subsidized by the government of
17 a foreign country or a foreign political
18 party; and

19 “(iii) that is acting in its capacity as an
20 agent of such foreign principal described in
21 clause (ii);

22 “(B) the term ‘foreign governmental entity’ in-
23 cludes—

24 “(i) the government of a foreign country;

25 “(ii) a foreign political party;

1 “(iii) an agent of a foreign principal; and

2 “(iv) a United States-based foreign media
3 outlet (as defined in section 624);

4 “(C) the term ‘foreign political party’ has the
5 meaning given the term in section 1(f) of the For-
6 eign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended
7 (22 U.S.C. 611(f)); and

8 “(D) the term ‘government of a foreign coun-
9 try’ has the meaning given the term in section 1(e)
10 of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as
11 amended (22 U.S.C. 611(e)).”.

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