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H. R. 6659

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STEUBE 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 “Obstructing Monetary
5 Allocations to Relatives Act” or the “OMAR Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PAY-**
2 **MENTS TO VENDORS OWNED OR CON-**
3 **TROLLED BY IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER**
4 **OF CANDIDATE.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION.—Section 313(b) of the Federal
6 Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30114(b)) is
7 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
8 graph:

9 “(3) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS TO VENDORS
10 OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY IMMEDIATE FAMILY
11 MEMBER OF CANDIDATE AS CONVERSION.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of para-
13 graph (1), a contribution to an authorized com-
14 mittee of a candidate shall be considered to be
15 converted to the personal use of the candidate
16 if the contribution is used to make a payment
17 to a vendor which is owned or controlled by an
18 immediate family member of the candidate.

19 “(B) DETERMINATION OF OWNERSHIP
20 AND CONTROL.—For purposes of subparagraph
21 (A), a vendor shall be considered to be owned
22 or controlled by an immediate family member of
23 the candidate if the immediate family mem-
24 ber—

1 “(i) is a member of the board of di-
2 rectors or similar governing body of the
3 vendor; or

4 “(ii) directly or indirectly owns or
5 controls 51 percent or more of the voting
6 shares of the vendor.

7 “(C) IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER DE-
8 FINED.—In this paragraph, the term ‘imme-
9 diate family member’ means, with respect to a
10 candidate, a father, mother, son, daughter,
11 brother, sister, husband, wife, father-in-law, or
12 mother-in-law.”.

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
14 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to payments made
15 on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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