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1ST SESSION

H. R. 550

To amend section 207 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit Members of Congress after leaving office from representing foreign governments before the United States Government.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UPTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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. PERMANENT RESTRICTION ON REPRESENTING**
4 **FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.**

5 (a) RESTRICTION.—Section 207(f) of title 18, United
6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1) by striking “Any” and in-
8 serting “Subject to paragraph (2), any”;

1 (2) by redesignating paragraph (2) as para-
2 graph (3); and

3 (3) by inserting after paragraph (1) the follow-
4 ing:

5 “(2) ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS FOR MEMBERS
6 OF CONGRESS.—Any person who is a Member of
7 Congress and who, after that person leaves office as
8 such Member—

9 “(A) represents a foreign government be-
10 fore any officer or employee of any department
11 or agency of the United States with the intent
12 to influence a decision of such officer or em-
13 ployee in carrying out his or her official duties;
14 or

15 “(B) aids or advises a foreign government
16 with the intent to influence a decision of any of-
17 ficer or employee of the United States in carry-
18 ing out his or her official duties;

19 shall be punished as provided in section 216 of this
20 title.”.

21 (b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 207(f)(3) of title 18,
22 United States Code, as redesignated by subsection (a)(2)
23 of this section, is amended to read as follows:

24 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sub-
25 section—

1 “(A) the term ‘foreign entity’ means the
2 government of a foreign country as defined in
3 section 1(e) of the Foreign Agents Registration
4 Act of 1938, as amended, or a foreign political
5 party as defined in section 1(f) of that Act; and

6 “(B) the term ‘foreign government’ means
7 the government of a foreign country as defined
8 in section 1(e) of the Foreign Agents Registra-
9 tion Act of 1938, as amended.

10 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by this
12 Act take effect _____ days after the date of the
13 enactment of this Act.

14 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this
15 Act apply to any person whose service as a Member of
16 Congress (as defined in section 202(d) of title 18, United
17 States Code) terminates before, on, or after the effective
18 date set forth in subsection (a), but shall not apply to ac-
19 tivities prohibited by such amendments which are con-
20 ducted before such effective date.

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