

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2598

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify that an expenditure made by a political party committee may not be considered to have been made in concert or cooperation with a candidate solely because the candidate has requested that the committee not make any expenditures in support of the candidate or in opposition to an opponent of the candidate.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 6, 2007

Mr. SHAYS (for himself and Mr. PRICE of North Carolina) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Independent Expendi-
3 ture Opt Out Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. POLITICAL PARTY EXPENDITURES NOT MADE IN**
5 **CONCERT OR COOPERATION WITH CAN-**
6 **DIDATE WHO REQUESTS THAT EXPENDI-**
7 **TURES NOT BE MADE.**

8 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 301(17) of the Federal
9 Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431(17)) is
10 amended by adding at the end the following:

11 “For purposes of subparagraph (B), an expenditure
12 by a political committee of a political party may not
13 be considered to be made in concert or cooperation
14 with a candidate or an agent or authorized com-
15 mittee of the candidate solely because the candidate
16 has requested that the committee not make any ex-
17 penditures in support of the candidate or in opposi-
18 tion to an opponent of the candidate.”.

19 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
20 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to elections occur-
21 ring after December 2007.

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