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H. R. 4298

To direct the Federal Trade Commission to revise the regulations regarding the do-not-call registry to prohibit politically-oriented recorded message telephone calls to telephone numbers listed on that registry.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 5, 2007

Mr. STUPAK 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. POLITICALLY-ORIENTED RECORDED MESSAGE**

4 **PHONE CALLS PROHIBITED.**

5 (a) PROHIBITED.—Not later than 180 days after the
6 date of enactment of this Act, the Federal Trade Commis-
7 sion shall, in accordance with section 553 of title 5, United
8 States Code, revise the do-not-call registry provisions of

1 the Telemarketing Sales Rule (16 C.F.R. 310.1 et seq.)
2 to prohibit politically-oriented recorded message telephone
3 calls to telephone numbers listed on that registry.

4 (b) DEFINITION OF POLITICALLY-ORIENTED RE-
5 CORDED MESSAGE CALLS.—For purposes of this section,
6 the term “politically-oriented recorded message telephone
7 call” means any outbound telephone call—

8 (1) in which a person is not available to speak
9 with the person answering the call, and the call in-
10 stead plays a recorded message; and

11 (2) whose purpose is to promote, advertise,
12 campaign, or solicit donations, for or against any po-
13 litical candidate or regarding any political issue, or
14 uses in the recorded message any political can-
15 didate’s name.

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