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H. R. 4768

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAYSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Financial Services

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 “Bailouts Are Not For
5 Sale Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON ACCESS TO THE FEDERAL RE-**
2 **SERVE DISCOUNT WINDOW FOR CORPORA-**
3 **TIONS WHICH INTERFERE IN ELECTIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 13 of the
5 Federal Reserve Act, any other provision of the Federal
6 Reserve Act, or any other provision of law, a corporation
7 which has made any independent expenditure or any dis-
8 bursement for an electioneering communication, in con-
9 nection with an election campaign for a Federal office, di-
10 rectly or through any affiliate, after the date of the enact-
11 ment of such Act may not have any notes discounted by
12 any Federal reserve bank and may not otherwise have ac-
13 cess to or receive the benefit of, directly or indirectly
14 through any affiliate or third party, any financing pro-
15 vided by or through the Board or any Federal reserve
16 bank or any credit facility established by the Board or any
17 Federal reserve bank.

18 (b) PROMPT REIMBURSEMENT DURING TRANSI-
19 TION.—If any corporation subject to subsection (a) has,
20 before the date of the enactment of this Act, entered into
21 any transaction or financing arrangement prohibited by
22 such subsection, the Board shall require the corporation
23 to unwind the transaction and repay any amount out-
24 standing as soon as practicable but, in any case, before
25 the end of the 90-day period beginning on such date of
26 enactment.

1 (c) REGULATIONS.—Before the end of the 90-day pe-
2 riod beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act,
3 the Board shall prescribe, in final form, such regulations
4 as may be appropriate to implement this Act.

5 (d) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the
6 terms “Board” and “affiliate” have the same meanings
7 as in section 2 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956.

8 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act shall apply as of the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, without regard to the
10 effective date of any regulation prescribed under sub-
11 section (c).

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