

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit contributions and donations by publicly traded corporations.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. HAWLEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Ending Corporate Influence on Elections Act of 2023”.

6 SEC. 2. PROHIBITING CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS BY

PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATIONS.

8 Title III of the Federal Election Campaign Act (52
9 U.S.C. 30101 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
10 the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 325. CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS BY PUBLICLY**

2 **TRADED CORPORATIONS.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful for—

4 “(1) a publicly traded corporation, directly or
5 indirectly, to make—

6 “(A) a contribution or donation of money
7 or other thing of value, or to make an express
8 or implied promise to make a contribution or
9 donation, in connection with a Federal election;

10 “(B) a contribution or donation to a political
11 committee that accepts donations or contributions
12 that do not comply with the contribution limits or source prohibitions under this
13 Act; or

14 “(C) an expenditure, independent expenditure,
15 or disbursement for an electioneering communication (within the meaning of section
16 304(f)(3)); or

17 “(2) a person to solicit, accept, or receive a contribution or donation described in subparagraph (A)
18 or (B) of paragraph (1) from a publicly traded corporation.

19 “(b) PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION DEFINED.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—As used in this section, the
21 term ‘publicly traded corporation’ means—

1 “(A) an entity the securities of which are
2 listed on a national securities exchange which is
3 registered under section 6 of the Securities Ex-
4 change Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78f); or
5 “(B) an affiliate of an entity described in
6 subparagraph (A).

7 “(2) AFFILIATE DEFINED.—As used in para-
8 graph (1)(B), the term ‘affiliate’ means any entity
9 that controls, is controlled by, or is under common
10 control with another entity.”.