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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To prohibit the Federal Government from using funds to contract with or make awards to certain entities engaging in censorship, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M____. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

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 “Protect the First
5 Amendment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDING**
2 **FOR COVERED ENTITIES AND NONPROFIT**
3 **ORGANIZATIONS OR OTHER ENTITIES THAT**
4 **ENGAGE IN COVERED BEHAVIOR.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—No funds are authorized to be
6 used by the Federal government, to contract with or grant
7 awards to—

8 (1) a covered entity; or

9 (2) a nonprofit organization or other entity that
10 engages in covered behavior.

11 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) COVERED ENTITY.—The term “covered en-
13 tity” means—

14 (A) NewsGuard Technologies, Inc. (doing
15 business as “NewsGuard”), or any successor
16 thereto; or

17 (B) Disinformation Index, Inc.,
18 Disinformation Index, Ltd., or Global
19 Disinformation Index gUG (collectively doing
20 business as “Global Disinformation Index”), or
21 and successor thereto.

22 (2) COVERED BEHAVIOR.—The term “covered
23 behavior” means operations, activities, or products,
24 the function of which is to demonetize or rate the
25 credibility of a domestic entity (including news and
26 other information outlets) based on the lawful

1 speech of such domestic entity by purporting to
2 evaluate whether such speech is misinformation,
3 disinformation, or malinformation.

4 (3) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The term
5 “nonprofit organization” means an organization that
6 is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Rev-
7 enue Code of 1986 and that is exempt from taxation
8 under section 501(a) of such Code.