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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Swalwell of California 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 “Duty to Report Act
5 of 2018”.
SEC. 2. REQUIRING CANDIDATES RECEIVING INFORMATION ON OPPONENTS FROM FOREIGN POWERS TO NOTIFY FBI.

(a) Notification Requirement.—If a candidate, an individual who is an immediate family member of a candidate, or any individual affiliated with a campaign of a candidate knowingly receives or is offered unsolicited information about any of the other candidates for election for that office which is from a source the candidate or individual knows is a foreign power or an agent of a foreign power (or if the candidate or individual recklessly disregards the fact that the source is a foreign power or an agent of a foreign power), or receives an unsolicited notification that a foreign power or an agent of a foreign power has such information in its possession, the candidate or individual shall notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the receipt or offer of the information or the notification (as the case may be).

(b) Exceptions.—Subsection (a) does not apply with respect to—

(1) information which a candidate or individual knows or may reasonably believe is in the public domain; or

(2) information which no person would reasonably believe could be used to the advantage of the campaign of the candidate who receives the informa-
tion or to whom the information is offered (or whose
immediate family member or individual affiliated
with the campaign receives or is offered the informa-
tion).

(c) Penality.—Whoever fails to comply with sub-
section (a) shall be fined under title 18, United States
Code, or imprisoned not more than 2 years, or both.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act, the following definitions apply:

(1) The term “agent of a foreign power” and
the term “foreign power” each has the meaning
given such term in section 101 of the Foreign Intel-

(2) The term “candidate” means an individual
who seeks nomination for, or election to, any Fed-
eral, State, or local public office.

(3) The term “immediate family member”
means, with respect to a candidate, a parent, parent-
in law, spouse, child, or sibling.

(4) The term “individual affiliated with a cam-
paign” means, with respect to a candidate, an em-
ployee of any organization legally authorized under
Federal, State, or local law to support the can-
didate’s campaign for nomination for, or election to,
any Federal, State, or local public office, as well as
any independent contractor of such an organization and any individual who performs services for the organization on an unpaid basis (including an intern or volunteer).