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To amend title 39, United States Code, to prohibit deceptive mail relating to the census, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York 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 “Census Form Integrity
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON DECEPTIVE MAILINGS RELATING**
7 **TO THE CENSUS.**

8 Section 3001(i) of title 39, United States Code, is
9 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(3)(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of
2 this section, and except as provided in subparagraph
3 (C), any matter described in subparagraph (B) is
4 nonmailable matter, shall not be carried or delivered
5 by mail, and shall be disposed of as the Postal Serv-
6 ice directs.

7 “(B) Matter described in this subparagraph is
8 any matter that is otherwise legally acceptable in the
9 mails which constitutes a solicitation by a non-
10 governmental entity for information or the contribu-
11 tion of funds that—

12 “(i) bears the term ‘census’ on such mat-
13 ter, or on the envelope or outside cover or wrap-
14 per in which the matter is mailed; and

15 “(ii)(I) bears the term ‘official’, or any
16 other language suggesting that a response is re-
17 quired or mandatory, on such matter, or on the
18 envelope or outside cover or wrapper in which
19 the matter is mailed; or

20 “(II) could be reasonably interpreted or
21 construed as implying any Federal Government
22 connection, approval, or endorsement.

23 “(C) This paragraph shall not apply to—

1 “(i) any matter mailed by a Federal agen-
2 cy; or

3 “(ii) any matter, and the envelope or out-
4 side cover or wrapper in which such matter is
5 mailed, that bears on its face in capital letters
6 and in conspicuous and legible type the fol-
7 lowing notices: ‘THIS ORGANIZATION HAS
8 NOT BEEN APPROVED OR ENDORSED
9 BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND
10 THIS OFFER IS NOT BEING MADE BY
11 AN AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERN-
12 MENT.’ and ‘THIS IS NOT A GOVERN-
13 MENT DOCUMENT’, or notices to the same
14 effect in words which the Postal Service may
15 prescribe.

16 “(D) If the Postmaster General determines that
17 matter has been placed in the mail in violation of
18 this paragraph—

19 “(i) not later than 15 days after the date
20 of such determination, the Postmaster General
21 shall notify the Director of the Bureau of the
22 Census, the Committee on Oversight and Re-
23 form of the House of Representatives, and the
24 Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-
25 mental Affairs of the Senate; and

1 “(ii) any mailing permit used by the non-
2 governmental entity that mailed such matter
3 shall be revoked for a period, to be determined
4 by the Postmaster General, of up to 1 year be-
5 ginning on such date of determination.”.