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118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GALLAGHER 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Retroactive Foreign
3 Agents Registration Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. CLARIFYING OBLIGATION TO REGISTER RETRO-**
5 **ACTIVELY AS AGENTS OF FOREIGN PRIN-**
6 **CIPALS.**

7 (a) OBLIGATION.—The third sentence of section 2(a)
8 of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as
9 amended (22 U.S.C. 612(a)) is amended by striking “for
10 the period” and inserting “covering the period”.

11 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
12 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to any individual
13 who serves as the agent of a foreign principal under the
14 Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, at
15 any time before, on, or after the date of the enactment
16 of this Act.

17 **SEC. 3. PERMITTING ORDER REQUIRING COMPLIANCE TO**
18 **APPLY RETROACTIVELY.**

19 (a) RETROACTIVE COMPLIANCE.—Section 8(f) of the
20 Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended (22
21 U.S.C. 618(f)) is amended—

22 (1) by inserting after the first sentence the fol-
23 lowing: “The Attorney General may make applica-
24 tion for an order requiring a person to comply with
25 any appropriate provision of this Act or any regula-

1 tion thereunder while the person acts as an agent of
2 a foreign principal or at any time thereafter.”; and

3 (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-
4 ing the following: “, including an order requiring a
5 person to comply with section 2 with respect to any
6 period during which the person acts as the agent of
7 a foreign principal notwithstanding that the person
8 does not act as the agent of a foreign principal at
9 the time the court issues the order.”.

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
11 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to any individual
12 who serves as the agent of a foreign principal under the
13 Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, at
14 any time before, on, or after the date of the enactment
15 of this Act.