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To allow individuals with disabilities to campaign for elected office without losing access to federally supported benefits.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania (for herself, Ms. SCANLON, and Ms. NORTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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A BILL

To allow individuals with disabilities to campaign for elected office without losing access to federally supported benefits.

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Removing Access Barriers to Running for Elected Office for People with Disabilities Act".

SEC. 2. DISREGARDING CAMPAIGN WORK PERFORMED BY INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES FOR PURPOSES OF FEDERALLY SUPPORTED BENEFITS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Any campaign work performed by a qualified individual, and any compensation received by such individual for such work, shall be disregarded for the purpose of determining such individual's eligibility for, and amount of, benefits or assistance under any Federal program or under any State or local program financed in whole or in part with Federal funds.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) CAMPAIGN WORK.—The term ''campaign work'' means work performed by an individual as a candidate for an elected Federal, State, or local office.

(2) QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL.—The term ''qualified individual'' means an individual who is entitled to a benefit under title II or XVI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq., 1381 et seq.) by reason of a disability.

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