

## HR 425

Stop Super PAC-Candidate Coordination Act

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**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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### Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Jan 21, 2015
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Apr 22, 2015
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		May 20, 2015
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jun 1, 2015
Rep. Fudge, Marcia L. [D-OH-11]	D · OH		Jun 2, 2015
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Jun 3, 2015
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Jun 25, 2015
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Jul 22, 2015
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Jul 28, 2015
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Jul 28, 2015
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Sep 9, 2015
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Oct 21, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Jan 21, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 3250	Related bill	<b>Jul 14, 2016:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
114 HR 5494	Related bill	<b>Jun 16, 2016:</b> Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Oversight and Government Reform, Financial Services, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
114 S 6	Related bill	<b>Jun 16, 2016:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
114 S 1838	Related bill	<b>Jul 22, 2015:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S5459-5460)
114 HR 424	Related bill	<b>Jan 21, 2015:</b> Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

## Summary (as of Jan 21, 2015)

### Stop Super PAC-Candidate Coordination Act

Amends the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (FECA) to treat as a campaign contribution any payment made by any person (other than a candidate, an authorized committee of a candidate, or a political committee of a political party) for a coordinated expenditure which is not otherwise treated as a contribution.

(In effect, replaces and eliminates a prohibition against contributions by minors which the U.S. Supreme Court in *McConnell v. Federal Election Commission* ruled an unconstitutional violation of the First Amendment.)

Sets forth rules governing payments for coordinated expenditures, including special rule for payments by coordinated spenders for covered communications.

Defines "covered communication" as a public communication which: (1) expressly advocates the election of the candidate or the defeat of an opponent of the candidate (or contains the functional equivalent of express advocacy); (2) promotes or supports the candidate, or attacks or opposes an opponent of the candidate (regardless of whether the communication expressly advocates the election or defeat of a candidate or contains the functional equivalent of express advocacy); or (3) refers to the candidate or an opponent of the candidate in other ways, but only if the communication is disseminated during the applicable election period.

Prescribes penalties for knowing and willfull violation of this Act by a contribution which consists of a payment for a coordinated expenditure.

Prohibits candidates or individuals holding federal office, their agents, and certain related entities from soliciting, receiving, directing, or transferring funds to or on behalf of any political committee which accepts donations or contributions that do not comply with FECA limitations, prohibitions, and reporting requirements, or to or on behalf of any 527 organization which accepts such donations or contributions (other than a committee of a state or local political party or a candidate for election for state or local office).

(A 527 organization, tax-exempt in certain circumstances under Section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code, is created primarily to influence the selection, nomination, election, appointment or defeat of candidates to federal, state or local public office.)

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jan 21, 2015:** Introduced in House
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