

## HR 5230

### Anti-Pyramid Promotional Scheme Act of 2016

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade. (May 20, 2016)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/5230>

## Sponsor

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**Name:** Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** TN • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors (30 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		May 13, 2016
Rep. Huizenga, Bill [R-MI-2]	R · MI		May 19, 2016
Rep. Ellmers, Renee L. [R-NC-2]	R · NC		May 23, 2016
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Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		May 23, 2016
Rep. Walberg, Tim [R-MI-7]	R · MI		May 23, 2016
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Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		May 27, 2016
Rep. Lance, Leonard [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		May 27, 2016
Rep. Pompeo, Mike [R-KS-4]	R · KS		May 27, 2016
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Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Jun 3, 2016
Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]	R · IN		Jun 10, 2016
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Jun 10, 2016
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Rep. Chaffetz, Jason [R-UT-3]	R · UT		Jun 21, 2016
Rep. Flores, Bill [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Jun 21, 2016
Rep. Hinojosa, Ruben [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Jun 21, 2016
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Jun 24, 2016
Rep. Moolenaar, John R. [R-MI-4]	R · MI		Jun 24, 2016
Rep. Whitfield, Ed [R-KY-1]	R · KY		Jun 24, 2016
Rep. Collins, Chris [R-NY-27]	R · NY		Jun 28, 2016
Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]	R · UT		Jul 5, 2016
Rep. Love, Mia B. [R-UT-4]	R · UT		Jul 6, 2016
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Jul 11, 2016
Rep. Bishop, Rob [R-UT-1]	R · UT		Jul 12, 2016
Rep. Salmon, Matt [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		Jul 25, 2016
Rep. Fleischmann, Charles J. "Chuck" [R-TN-3]	R · TN		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Nov 14, 2016

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 20, 2016

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Commerce

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Anti-Pyramid Promotional Scheme Act of 2016**

This bill prohibits the establishment, operation, or promotion of a pyramid promotional scheme, which is defined as a plan or operation by which a person gives consideration (money or other thing of value) to a participant in the scheme for the right to receive compensation derived primarily from the participant's introduction of another person into the plan or operation rather than from the sale of products to ultimate users.

The bill grants enforcement authority to the Federal Trade Commission and requires violations to be treated as unfair or deceptive acts or practices under the Federal Trade Commission Act.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 20, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade.
- **May 13, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **May 13, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.