

Proposal for
No Revolving Door Act

Whereas, the current regulations may not sufficiently deter all instances of potential conflicts of interest, as evidenced by various surveys and polls reflecting public concern over the revolving door between government service and lobbying;

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 "NRD Act."

Section 2: Findings and Purpose

(a) Findings

Congress finds that allowing members of Congress, Congressional Staff, and Bureaucratic Agency Employees to lobby or obtain government contracts immediately upon leaving government creates incentives leading to government capture.

(b) Purpose

The purpose of this Act is to establish a cooling-off period of at least ten years for former members of Congress, Congressional Staff, and Bureaucratic Agency Employees, during which they are prohibited from engaging in lobbying activities or obtaining government contracts.

Section 3: Definitions

For purposes of this Act:

(a) "Lobbying" shall have the same meaning as provided in the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995.

(b) "Government Contract" shall refer to any contract, agreement, or arrangement for goods, services, or any other benefit with any federal, state, or local government entity.

(c) "Congressional Staff" shall include all employees of the United States Congress, including but not limited to, legislative assistants, legislative directors, chiefs of staff, and committee staff.

(d) "Bureaucratic Agency Employees" shall include all employees of federal executive branch agencies and departments.

Section 4: Prohibition on Lobbying and Government Contracts

No former member of Congress, Congressional Staff, or Bureaucratic Agency Employee shall engage in lobbying activities, or obtain a government contract, within ten years after leaving their office or post.

Section 5: Penalties for Violations

(a) Any member of Congress or immediate family member who violates this Act shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$50,000 and not more than \$1,000,000 for each violation.

(b) Any member of Congress or immediate family member who violates this Act shall also be subject to criminal penalties.



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Section 6: Effective Date

This Act shall take effect 90 days after the date of its enactment.

Section 7: Severability

If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Act and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 8: Repeals

Any provisions of existing laws or regulations that are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 9: Implementation

The Department of Justice shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this Act.