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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2876

To prevent discrimination on the basis of political beliefs by the  
Environmental Protection Agency in its student programs.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2011

Mr. POMPEO (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. CARTER, Mr. HARPER, and Mr. MCKINLEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Agriculture, 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

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## A BILL

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by the Environmental Protection Agency in its student  
programs.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “EPA Student Non-  
5 discrimination Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION.**

2 No student internship, fellowship, scholarship, or  
3 other student program administered by the Environmental  
4 Protection Agency may establish any requirement that an  
5 applicant possess any experience that constitutes an en-  
6 dorsement of a particular political position with regard to  
7 environmental protection.

8 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION AGAINST FUNDING CERTAIN EPA**  
9 **STUDENT PROGRAMS.**

10 No funds shall be used to provide financial compensa-  
11 tion, including grants, stipends, expenses, or salary, for  
12 the following student programs administered by the Envi-  
13 ronmental Protection Agency:

14 (1) The Student Diversity Internship Program  
15 Environmental Justice Eco-Ambassador Focus.

16 (2) Programs related to the study of green-  
17 house gas emissions.

18 **SEC. 4. REPORT ON PROCEDURES.**

19 Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment  
20 of this Act, the Administrator of the Environmental Pro-  
21 tection Agency shall submit a report to Congress detailing  
22 existing policies, procedures, and actions taken within the  
23 last 3 years in recruiting and hiring applicants for all En-  
24 vironmental Protection Agency student programs. The re-  
25 port shall include—

1           (1) efforts to recruit student advocates, includ-  
2           ing any communications between the Environmental  
3           Protection Agency and nongovernmental organiza-  
4           tions;

5           (2) policies and procedures related to the review  
6           of student applications, including a list of the per-  
7           sonnel involved in such processes;

8           (3) any efforts to consider applicants with pol-  
9           icy views or experience that were counter to stated  
10          agency goals; and

11          (4) policies to ensure that applicants for Envi-  
12          ronmental Protection Agency student programs will  
13          be recruited and reviewed in accordance with section  
14          2 of this Act.

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