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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LAMBORN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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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. PROHIBITION ON FEDERAL FUNDING OF CER-**  
4 **TAIN PUBLIC RADIO PROGRAMMING.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—No Federal funds may be made  
6 available—

7 (1) to an organization that is incorporated as of  
8 the date of the enactment of this Act for each of the

1 purposes described in subsection (c), or to any suc-  
2 cessor organization; or

3 (2) for the acquisition of radio programs (in-  
4 cluding programs to be distributed or disseminated  
5 over the Internet) from an organization described in  
6 paragraph (1).

7 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Subsection (a)(2)  
8 shall not be construed to prohibit the making available of  
9 Federal funds to any entity, including an entity that en-  
10 gages in the acquisition described in such subsection, for  
11 purposes other than such acquisition.

12 (c) PURPOSES DESCRIBED.—The purposes described  
13 in this subsection are the following:

14 (1) To propose, plan and develop, to acquire,  
15 purchase and lease, to prepare, produce and record,  
16 and to distribute, license and otherwise make avail-  
17 able radio programs to be broadcast over non-  
18 commercial educational radio broadcast stations,  
19 networks and systems.

20 (2) To engage in research study activities with  
21 respect to noncommercial educational radio pro-  
22 gramming and broadcasting.

23 (3) To lease, purchase, acquire and own, to  
24 order, have, use and contract for, and to otherwise  
25 obtain, arrange for and provide technical equipment

1 and facilities for the production, recording and dis-  
2 tribution of radio programs for broadcast over non-  
3 commercial educational radio stations, networks and  
4 systems.

5 (4) To establish and maintain one or more serv-  
6 ice or services for the production, duplication, pro-  
7 motion and circulation of radio programs on tape,  
8 cassettes, records or any other means or mechanism  
9 suitable for noncommercial educational transmission  
10 and broadcast thereof.

11 (5) To cooperate and participate with foreign  
12 broadcasting systems and networks in all aspects of  
13 international radio programming and broadcasting.

14 (6) To develop, prepare and publish informa-  
15 tion, data, reports and other materials in support of  
16 or relating to noncommercial educational radio pro-  
17 gramming and broadcasting.

18 (7) To otherwise forward and advance the de-  
19 velopment, production, distribution and use of non-  
20 commercial educational radio programs, materials  
21 and services, and to assist and support noncommer-  
22 cial educational radio broadcasting pursuant to the  
23 Public Broadcasting Act of 1967, as it may from  
24 time to time be amended.

1 (d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “Federal  
2 funds” means, with respect to receipt by a non-Federal  
3 entity from the Federal Government, the following:

- 4 (1) Grants.
- 5 (2) Loans.
- 6 (3) Property.
- 7 (4) Cooperative agreements.
- 8 (5) Direct appropriations.

9 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF CERTAIN FUNDS TO REDUCE THE**  
10 **PUBLIC DEBT.**

11 For fiscal years 2011 and 2012, the Corporation for  
12 Public Broadcasting shall transfer to the account estab-  
13 lished by section 3113(d) of title 31, United States Code,  
14 an amount equal to the amount allocated under clauses  
15 (ii) and (iii) of section 396(k)(3)(A) of the Communica-  
16 tions Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 396(k)(3)(A)) that would  
17 have been made available to an organization described in  
18 subsection (a)(1) of section 1 or for the purpose described  
19 in subsection (a)(2) of such section, but for the enactment  
20 of such section.

21 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

22 It is the sense of Congress that—

- 23 (1) the Congressional Budget Office, the Gov-  
24 ernment Accountability Office, and the Chairman of  
25 the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Sys-

1       tem have found that unsustainable fiscal trends,  
2       driven by Federal spending, represent a serious  
3       threat to the United States economy and the pros-  
4       perity of the American people;

5               (2) Government programs and services that can  
6       be funded privately, or that are otherwise available  
7       within civil society, should not depend on taxpayer  
8       funding;

9               (3) nondefense discretionary Federal spending  
10      should be significantly decreased, and savings should  
11      be used for the purpose of paying down the public  
12      debt; and

13              (4) beginning in fiscal year 2011, the annual  
14      budget deficit should be reduced by not making  
15      available Federal funds as prohibited by section 1.

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