

109TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4194

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to exclude communications over the Internet from treatment as public communications for purposes of such Act.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 1, 2005

Mr. SHAYS (for himself and Mr. MEEHAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Internet Anti-Corrup-  
5 tion and Free Speech Protection Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXCLUSION OF INTERNET COMMUNICATIONS FROM**  
7 **TREATMENT AS PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS.**

8 Paragraph (22) of section 301 of the Federal Elec-  
9 tion Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431(22)) is amend-

1 ed by adding at the end the following: “Such term shall  
2 not include any communication made over the Internet,  
3 other than a communication placed on another person’s  
4 website for a fee, a communication made by any person  
5 described in section 316 (other than a corporation de-  
6 scribed in such section whose principal purpose is oper-  
7 ating a web log), a communication made by a State, dis-  
8 trict, or local committee of a political party described in  
9 section 323(b), or a communication made by any political  
10 committee.”.

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