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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To provide that participation in the American Community Survey is voluntary.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. STEUBE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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Survey is voluntary.

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 “Freedom from Govern-
5 ment Surveys Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. VOLUNTARY NATURE OF AMERICAN COMMUNITY**
2 **SURVEY.**

3 (a) NO PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO RESPOND.—Sec-
4 tion 221 of title 13, United States Code, is amended by
5 adding at the end the following:

6 “(d) VOLUNTARY NATURE OF AMERICAN COMMU-
7 NITY SURVEY.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to any per-
8 son who refuses or neglects to answer any question on the
9 American Community Survey (or any successor survey).”.

10 (b) CLARIFICATION OF VOLUNTARY NATURE ON
11 SURVEY.—Section 193 of title 13, United States Code, is
12 amended—

13 (1) by striking “In advance” and inserting the
14 following:

15 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In advance”; and

16 (2) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(b) CLARIFICATION OF VOLUNTARY NATURE OF
18 AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY.—The Secretary shall in-
19 clude on the American Community Survey (or any suc-
20 cessor survey) a statement that participation in the survey
21 is voluntary.”.