

**AMENDMENT TO TITLE VII OF H.R. 4173**

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(Page and line numbers refer to amendment as posted on  
Rules Committee website)

Page 130, after line 10, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 9313. AUDIT AND SUSPENSION OF HOUSING COUN-**  
2 **SELING APPROVAL.**

3 (a) **AUDIT.**—Not later than the expiration of the 6-  
4 month period beginning on the date of the enactment of  
5 this Act, the Inspector General of the Department of  
6 Housing and Urban Development shall—

7 (1) with respect to each covered organization,  
8 conduct an audit of all assistance within the jurisdic-  
9 tion of the Department provided to such covered or-  
10 ganization at any time; and

11 (2) make a determination of whether each such  
12 covered organization has used such assistance in ac-  
13 cordance with all laws, regulations, and other terms  
14 and conditions of such assistance and cause notice  
15 of such determination to be published in the Federal  
16 Register.

1 (b) SUSPENSION OF HOUSING COUNSELING CERTIFI-  
2 CATION AND ASSISTANCE.—After the date of the enact-  
3 ment of this Act—

4 (1) no covered organization shall be considered  
5 approved, certified, or authorized under section  
6 106(e) of the Housing and Urban Development Act  
7 of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701x(e)) or otherwise to pro-  
8 vide housing counseling in connection with any pro-  
9 gram of the Department or to receive any assistance  
10 within the jurisdiction of the Department for any  
11 housing counseling activities unless and until the In-  
12 spector General of the Department of Housing and  
13 Urban Development has made a determination  
14 under subsection (c) with respect to all such organi-  
15 zations; and

16 (2) the Secretary of Housing and Urban Devel-  
17 opment shall not provide any assistance within the  
18 jurisdiction of the Department for any housing coun-  
19 seling activities to a covered organization unless and  
20 until the Inspector General has made a determina-  
21 tion under subsection (c) with respect to all such or-  
22 ganizations.

23 (c) DETERMINATION.—A determination under this  
24 subsection is a determination, pursuant to the audit con-  
25 ducted under subsection (a), that all covered organizations

1 that, at any time, have received assistance within the juris-  
2 diction of the Department have used all such assistance  
3 received in accordance with all laws, regulations, and other  
4 terms and conditions of such assistance.

5 (d) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the  
6 following definitions shall apply:

7 (1) COVERED ORGANIZATION.—The term “cov-  
8 ered organization” means—

9 (A) the Association of Community Organi-  
10 zations for Reform Now (in this section re-  
11 ferred to as ACORN); and

12 (B) any ACORN-related affiliate.

13 (2) ACORN-RELATED AFFILIATE.—The term  
14 “ACORN-related affiliate” means any of the fol-  
15 lowing:

16 (A) Any State chapter of ACORN reg-  
17 istered with the Secretary of State’s office in  
18 that State.

19 (B) Any organization that shares directors  
20 or employees with ACORN.

21 (C) Any organization that has a financial  
22 stake, directly or indirectly, in ACORN.

23 (D) Any organization whose finances,  
24 whether federally funded, donor-funded, or  
25 raised through organizational goods and serv-

1           ices, are shared or controlled, directly or indi-  
2           rectly, by ACORN.

3           (3) ASSISTANCE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF  
4           THE DEPARTMENT.—The term “assistance within  
5           the jurisdiction of the Department” has the meaning  
6           given such term in section 102(m) of the Depart-  
7           ment of Housing and Urban Development Reform  
8           Act of 1989 (42 U.S.C. 3545(m)).

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