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To prohibit the naming of any Federal building, facility, or program after any elected official or political appointee for a certain period or while using their name commercially, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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 “Federal Naming
5 Standards Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON RENAMING FEDERAL BUILDINGS,**
2 **FACILITIES, OR PROGRAMS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
4 sion of law, no Federal building, facility, or program may
5 be named, renamed, designated, or redesignated in the
6 name or likeness of any elected official or political ap-
7 pointee for the period described in subsection (b).

8 (b) COVERED PERIOD.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
10 graph (2), the period described in this subsection
11 shall be the period from the time the individual
12 began holding office as an elected official or political
13 appointee until the date that is 10 years after the
14 date on which such individual last held office or ap-
15 pointment.

16 (2) EXTENSION FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.—
17 With respect to any individual who generates more
18 than \$1,000,000 (adjusted annually for inflation to
19 reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index for All
20 Urban Consumers, published by the Bureau of
21 Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor) annu-
22 ally from commercial purposes for the use of their
23 name, image, or likeness, the period described in this
24 subsection shall be extended until the date on which
25 such individual no longer meets such threshold.

1 (c) APPLICABILITY.—The prohibition under sub-
2 section (a) shall not apply to—

3 (1) the name or likeness of an individual who
4 is deceased;

5 (2) any naming, renaming, designation, or re-
6 designation before the date of enactment of this Act;
7 and

8 (3) any building, facility, or program named,
9 renamed, designated, or redesignated for an indi-
10 vidual who was not using their name or likeness for
11 commercial purposes at the time of the naming, re-
12 naming, designation, or redesignation but subse-
13 quently has used their name or likeness for commer-
14 cial purposes.

15 (d) INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION.—The in-
16 spector general of each Federal agency shall investigate
17 complaints alleging violations of this Act within the re-
18 spective agency of such inspector general and report the
19 findings of any investigation, within 90 days of the begin-
20 ning of any such investigation, to the head of the respec-
21 tive agency and Congress.

22 (e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act
23 shall be construed to prohibit the incidental use of an indi-
24 vidual's name and likeness in museum exhibits, archival
25 collections, historical displays, educational materials, or

1 documentary content produced or funded by the Federal
2 Government or official reports, press releases, or other in-
3 formational materials as long as such use does not con-
4 stitute the formal name or principal branding of a Federal
5 site or Federal program.

6 (f) COMMERCIAL PURPOSES DEFINED.—In this sec-
7 tion, the term “commercial purposes” means the use of
8 an individual’s name or likeness in connection with the
9 advertising, promotion, or sale of goods or services or li-
10 censing.