AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2547, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY M_. ____________

On page 18, line 19, strike “email and text messages” and insert “email, text messages, and direct messages through social media”.

On page 18, line 21, strike “TEXTS AND EMAILS” and insert “TEXTS, EMAILS, AND SOCIAL MEDIA MESSAGES”.

On page 19, strike lines 1 through 5 and insert the following:

“(7) Contacting the person electronically, including by email, text message, and direct message through social media, if—

“(A) the communication is required to be in writing and the person has not consented to receive the communication electronically in accordance with the requirements of the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act;

“(B) the communication is governed by the Telephone Consumer Protection Act and the person has not consented to receive such com-
munication in accordance with the requirements of such Act;

“(C) consent by the person to receive the communication was not provided directly to the debt collector;

“(D) consent by the person to receive the communication electronically has been withdrawn; or

“(E) the frequency of contact by the debt collector is greater than consented to by the person.”.

On page 19, after line 5 insert the following:

(d) PROTECTION OF CONSUMERS FROM SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS IN DEBT COLLECTION.—Section 808(7) of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (15 U.S.C. 1692f) is amended by inserting the following before the period: “or through a social media platform if the communication is viewable by the general public or the person’s social media contacts”.

On page 19, line 6, strike “(d)” and insert “(e)”.

On page 19, line 19, strike “(e)” and insert “(f)”.

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