115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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A BILL

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unlawful disposal of fetal remains, and for other purposes.

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 "Protecting the Dignity

5 of Unborn Children Act of 2018".

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING UNLAWFUL DISPOSAL OF FETAL RE-**

7   **MAINS.**

8   (a) PROHIBITING UNLAWFUL DISPOSAL OF FETAL

9 REMAINS.—Part I of title 18, United States Code, is

10 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 **"CHAPTER 125—UNLAWFUL DISPOSAL OF**
2 **FETAL REMAINS**

3 **"SEC. 2741. UNLAWFUL DISPOSAL OF FETAL REMAINS.**

4 "(a) IN GENERAL.—Whoever recklessly disposes of

5 or abandons fetal remains in a landfill or in any of the

6 navigable waters of the United States shall be imprisoned

7 not more than 3 years or fined under this title, or both.

8 "(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-

9 tion shall be construed to authorize the prosecution of any

10 woman for the disposal of the remains of her unborn child.

11 "(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 "(1) FETAL REMAINS.—The term 'fetal re-

13 mains' means any part of a human fetus that is de-

14 ceased by reason of an abortion, but does not in-

15 clude any such part that has been cremated.

16 "(2) LANDFILL.—The term 'landfill' means a

17 sanitary landfill, as such term is defined in section

18 1004(26) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act.

19 "(3) NAVIGABLE WATERS.—The term 'navi-

20 gable waters' has the meaning given such term in

21 section 502(7) of the Federal Water Pollution Con-

22 trol Act.".

23 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of chapters

24 for such part is amended by inserting, after the item per-

25 taining to chapter 123, the following:

"125. Unlawful disposal of fetal remains .... 2741".