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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY 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 “FTC Autonomy Act”.
SEC. 2. FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION INDEPENDENT LITIGATION AUTHORITY.

(a) Authority of the FTC to Recover Certain Civil Penalties.—The Federal Trade Commission Act is amended—

(1) in section 5(l) (15 U.S.C. 45(l)) in the first sentence by inserting “the Commission or’’’ after “brought by”; and

(2) in section 16(a)(2) (15 U.S.C. 56(a)(2))—

(A) in subparagraph (D), by striking “; or” and inserting a semicolon; and

(B) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the following:

“(E) to obtain a civil penalty authorized under any provision of law enforced by the Commission.”.

(b) Conforming Amendment.—Section 16(a)(1)(A) of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 56(a)(1)(A) is amended by striking “(including an action to collect a civil penalty)”.
