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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SHERMAN 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 “[To be added Act of
5 2022]”.

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]
SEC. 2. PROHIBITED ACTS AND PRACTICES.

Section 15E(i)(1)(B) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78o–7(i)(1)(B)) is amended to read as follows:

“(B) lowering or threatening to lower a credit rating on, or refusing to rate, securities or money market instruments issued by any issuer or obligor, unless a portion of the securities or money market instruments owned by such issuer or obligor, as applicable, also is rated by such nationally recognized statistical rating organization; or”;