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118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend title 18, United States Code, to establish a criminal penalty  
for interfering with commerce by blocking public roads.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. ROUZER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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penalty for interfering with commerce by blocking  
public roads.

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 “Safe and Open Streets  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CRIME OF INTERFERENCE WITH COMMERCE BY**  
2 **BLOCKING PUBLIC ROADS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1951 of title 18, United  
4 States Code, is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsections (b) and (c) as  
6 subsections (c) and (d), respectively; and

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-  
8 lowing:

9 “(b) INTERFERENCE WITH COMMERCE BY BLOCK-  
10 ING PUBLIC ROADS.—

11 “(1) OFFENSE.—It shall be unlawful to, in any  
12 way or degree, purposely obstruct, delay, or affect  
13 commerce or the movement of any article or com-  
14 modity in commerce by blocking a public road or  
15 highway, or to attempt or conspire so to do.

16 “(2) PENALTY.—Any person who violates para-  
17 graph (1) shall be fined under this title, imprisoned  
18 not more than 5 years, or both.”.

19 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

20 (1) SECTION HEADING.—The heading of section  
21 1951 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by  
22 striking “**by threats or violence**”.

23 (2) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections  
24 for chapter 95 of title 18, United States Code, is

1 amended by striking the item relating to section  
2 1951 and inserting the following:

“1951. Interference with commerce.”.

3 (3) CROSS REFERENCES.—

4 (A) TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE.—Sec-  
5 tion 8332(o)(2)(B)(xx) of title 5, United States  
6 Code, is amended by striking “by threats of vio-  
7 lence”.

8 (B) TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE.—  
9 Part I of title 18, United States Code, is  
10 amended—

11 (i) in section 1961(1), by striking “,  
12 robbery, or extortion”; and

13 (ii) in section 2516(1)(c), by striking  
14 “by threats or violence”.