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To provide end user exemptions from certain provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. JOHANNS (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. COCHRAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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. MARGIN RULES.**

4 (a) CAPITAL AND MARGIN REQUIREMENTS.—Section
5 4s(e) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 6s(e))
6 is amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(4) APPLICABILITY WITH RESPECT TO
8 COUNTERPARTIES.—The margin requirements of

1 this subsection shall not apply to swaps in which 1
2 of the counterparties is not—

3 “(A) a swap dealer or major swap partici-
4 pant;

5 “(B) an investment fund that—

6 “(i) has issued securities (other than
7 debt securities) to more than 5 unaffiliated
8 persons;

9 “(ii) would be an investment company
10 (as defined in section 3 of the Investment
11 Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3))
12 but for paragraph (1) or (7) of subsection
13 (c) of that section; and

14 “(iii) is not primarily invested in
15 physical assets (including commercial real
16 estate) directly or through an interest in
17 an affiliate that owns the physical assets;

18 “(C) a regulated entity, as defined in sec-
19 tion 1303 of the Federal Housing Enterprises
20 Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992
21 (12 U.S.C. 4502); or

22 “(D) a commodity pool.

23 “(5) MARGIN TRANSITION RULES.—Swaps en-
24 tered into before the date on which final rules are
25 required to be promulgated under section 712(e) of

1 the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer
2 Protection Act (15 U.S.C. 8302(e)) shall be exempt
3 from the margin requirements under this sub-
4 section.”.

5 (b) MAJOR SWAP PARTICIPANT.—Section 1a(33)(A)
6 of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1a(33)(A)) is
7 amended by striking clause (ii) and inserting the following:
8 “(ii) whose outstanding swaps create
9 substantial net counterparty exposure that
10 could have serious adverse effects on the
11 financial stability of the United States
12 banking system or financial markets; or”.

13 **SEC. 2. SECURITIES LAWS AMENDMENTS.**

14 (a) MARGIN REQUIREMENTS.—Section 15F(e) of the
15 Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78o–10(e)),
16 as added by section 764 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street
17 Reform and Consumer Protection Act, is amended by add-
18 ing at the end the following:

19 “(4) APPLICABILITY WITH RESPECT TO
20 COUNTERPARTIES.—The margin requirements of
21 this subsection shall not apply to security-based
22 swaps in which 1 of the counterparties is not—
23 “(A) a security-based swap dealer or major
24 security-based swap participant;

1 “(B) an investment fund that would be an
2 investment company (as defined in section 3 of
3 the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15
4 U.S.C. 80a-3)), but for paragraph (1) or (7) of
5 section 3(c) of that Act (15 U.S.C. 80a-3(c)),
6 that is not primarily invested in physical assets
7 (including commercial real estate) directly or
8 through interest in its affiliates that own such
9 assets;

10 “(C) a regulated entity, as defined in sec-
11 tion 1303 of the Federal Housing Enterprises
12 Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992
13 (12 U.S.C. 4502); or

14 “(D) a commodity pool.

15 “(5) MARGIN TRANSITION RULES.—Security-
16 based swaps entered into before the date on which
17 final rules are required to be published under section
18 712(a)(5) of the Wall Street Transparency and Ac-
19 countability Act of 2010 (15 U.S.C. 8302(a)(5)) are
20 exempt from the margin requirements of this sub-
21 section.”.

22 (b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 3(a)(67)(A)(ii)(II) of the
23 Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C.
24 78c(a)(67)(A)(ii)(II)), as amended to read as follows:

7 SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

8 The amendments made by this Act shall have the
9 same effective date as provided in section 774 of the Wall
10 Street Transparency and Accountability Act of 2010 (15
11 U.S.C. 77b note).

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