To amend the Military Selective Service Act to provide that a registrant for selective service may indicate at the time of registration a desire to be classified as a conscientious objector.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY OF REGISTRANT FOR SELECTIVE SERVICE TO INDICATE AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION A DESIRE TO BE CLASSIFIED AS A CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR.

(a) AUTHORITY AND SUPPORTING STATEMENT.—

Section 3 of the Military Selective Service Act (50 U.S.C.
3802) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(c)(1) Regulations prescribed pursuant to subsection (a) shall authorize a person registering under this section to indicate at the time of registration that the person desires to be classified—

“(A) as being conscientiously opposed (by reason of religious, ethical, or moral belief) to participation in combatant military training and service in the Armed Forces; or

“(B) as being conscientiously opposed (by reason of religious, ethical, or moral belief) to participation in war in any form and to participation in both noncombatant and combatant military training and service in the Armed Forces.

“(2) Notice shall be provided on registration forms that the indication by a registrant under paragraph (1) of a desire to be classified in a manner described in such paragraph—

“(A) is not binding on the United States; and

“(B) does not assure that the registrant will be so classified pursuant to section 6(j).

“(3) The Director of Selective Service may allow a registrant under paragraph (1) who indicates a desire to be classified in a manner described in such paragraph to
submit a written statement in support of such classification. The written statement shall be in any format that the Director determines appropriate. The Director shall take steps to ensure that—

“(A) any such statement is included in the registrant’s record; and

“(B) the receipt of such a statement is noted on any record of registration provided to the registrant.”.

(b) Effective Date and Application of Amendment.—Subsection (c) of section 3 of the Military Selective Service Act (50 U.S.C. 3802), as added by subsection (a), shall apply to registrations under such section occurring after the end of the one-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.