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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. TESTER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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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 “Seeking Inspector Gen-
5 eral’s Honest Testimony Act” or the “SIGHT Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMPLIANCE WITH ACCESS TO RECORDS UNDER**
2 **THE CARES ACT.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

4 (1) the term “Committee” means the Pandemic
5 Response Accountability Committee established
6 under section 15010 of division B of the Coronavi-
7 rus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public
8 Law 116–136);

9 (2) the term “covered records” means all
10 records, documents, and other materials in the cus-
11 tody or possession of the Department or the White
12 House, as applicable, relating to the implementation
13 and execution of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and
14 Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–136);

15 (3) the term “Department” means the Depart-
16 ment of the Treasury; and

17 (4) the term “Special Inspector General” means
18 the Special Inspector General for Pandemic Recov-
19 ery appointed under section 4018 of the Coronavirus
20 Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law
21 116–136).

22 (b) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—If the Inspector
23 General of the Department, the Committee, or the Special
24 Inspector General determines that the Department or the
25 White House has not complied with the requirement to
26 provide timely access to covered records or has prevented

1 or impeded the access of the Inspector General of the De-
2 partment, the Committee, or the Special Inspector General
3 to those covered records—

4 (1) the Inspector General of the Department,
5 the Committee, or the Special Inspector General, as
6 applicable, shall submit to Congress a report on the
7 noncompliance or lack of access not later than 5
8 days after the date on which the Department or the
9 White House, as applicable, does not comply with
10 the requirement or prevents such access; and

11 (2) if the Department has not complied with
12 the requirement or has prevented or impeded such
13 access, there shall be rescinded from the Office of
14 the Secretary of the Department any amounts ap-
15 propriated to that Office for the fiscal year and de-
16 posited into the general fund of the Treasury until
17 the Department complies with the requirement.

18 **SEC. 3. REPORTING ON CARES ACT.**

19 (a) DEFINITION OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.—In this
20 section, the term “Inspector General” means—

21 (1) an Inspector General of an establishment or
22 a designated Federal entity (as defined in sections
23 12 and 8G of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5
24 U.S.C. App.)), respectively; and

1 (2) the Special Inspector General for Pandemic
2 Recovery established under section 4018 of the
3 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act
4 (Public Law 116–136).

5 (b) PROHIBITION.—The President shall not block or
6 otherwise prevent an Inspector General from reporting to
7 Congress on issues related to the implementation of the
8 CARES Act (Public Law 116–136).

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