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H. R. 637

To direct the heads of certain departments and agencies of the Federal Government to publicly disclose all assassination records and information relevant to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 30, 2023

Mr. SCHWEIKERT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Ways and Means, Foreign Affairs, Armed Services, and Intelligence (Permanent Select), for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Justice for Kennedy
5 Act of 2023” or the “JFK Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF ASSASSINATION RECORDS**
2 **AND INFORMATION RELATED TO ASSASSINA-**
3 **TION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.**

4 (a) PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF ASSASSINATION
5 RECORDS.—

6 (1) DISCLOSURE.—Not later than 30 days after
7 the date of the enactment of this Act, each covered
8 Federal official shall publicly disclose in unclassified
9 and unredacted form any assassination record and
10 information relevant to the assassination of Presi-
11 dent John F. Kennedy in the control or possession
12 of such covered Federal official.

13 (2) RELATION TO OTHER LAW.—Each covered
14 Federal official shall carry out paragraph (1) not-
15 withstanding the following:

16 (A) The Presidential Memorandum of De-
17 cember 15, 2022, titled “Memorandum on Cer-
18 tifications Regarding Disclosure of Information
19 in Certain Records Related to the Assassination
20 of President John F. Kennedy”.

21 (B) Section 5(g)(2)(D) of the President
22 John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collec-
23 tion Act of 1992 (44 U.S.C. 2107 note).

24 (C) Section 6 of the President John F.
25 Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act
26 of 1992 (44 U.S.C. 2107 note).

1 (D) Section 6103(l)(17) of title 26, United
2 States Code.

3 (E) Any other provision of law that con-
4 flicts with the requirements under paragraph
5 (1).

6 (b) ASSASSINATION RECORDS UNDER SEAL OF
7 COURT.—

8 (1) PETITIONS FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
11 Attorney General shall petition any court in the
12 United States or in a foreign country to pub-
13 licly disclose in unclassified and unredacted
14 form any assassination record and information
15 relevant to the assassination of President John
16 F. Kennedy that is held under seal of the court
17 or held under the injunction of secrecy of a
18 grand jury.

19 (B) PARTICULARIZED NEED REQUIRE-
20 MENT.—A request for disclosure of assassina-
21 tion records pursuant to a petition under sub-
22 paragraph (A) shall be deemed to constitute a
23 showing of particularized need under Rule 6 of
24 the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

1 (2) RELATION TO OTHER LAW.—The Attorney
2 General shall carry out paragraph (1) notwith-
3 standing—

4 (A) the provisions of law described in sub-
5 paragraphs (A) through (C) of paragraph (2) of
6 subsection (a); and

7 (B) any other provision of law that con-
8 flicts with the requirement under paragraph
9 (1).

10 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) The term “assassination record” has the
12 meaning given such term in section 3 of the Presi-
13 dent John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collec-
14 tion Act of 1992 (44 U.S.C. 2107 note).

15 (2) The term “covered Federal official” means
16 the following:

17 (A) The Archivist of the United States.

18 (B) The Commissioner of Internal Rev-
19 enue.

20 (C) The Director of the Central Intel-
21 ligence Agency.

22 (D) The Director of the Federal Bureau of
23 Investigation.

24 (E) The Secretary of Defense.

(F) The Secretary of State.

