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H. R. 3776

To restrict the President from initiating civil lawsuits regarding any civil matters.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 5, 2025

Mr. MAGAZINER (for himself, Mr. IVEY, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. THANEDAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Don’t Settle for Bribes
5 Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTION.**

7 In the case of the filing, initiation, or continuation
8 of a civil action by a person who is a candidate for the
9 office of President (within 90 days of the general Presi-
10 dential election), the President-elect, or the President, the

1 court shall immediately stay any further proceedings until
2 the end of that person's term as President, or, in the case
3 of a candidate for the office of President who is not elected
4 to the office, the date on which the House of Representa-
5 tives ratifies the results of the election.

6 **SEC. 3. SPECIAL RULES.**

7 The restriction shall apply—

8 (1) to each member of the immediate family of
9 the President; and

10 (2) to any business or entity if the President or
11 a member of the immediate family of the President
12 is listed as a grantor or beneficiary.

13 **SEC. 4. TOLLING OF STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.**

14 Any statute of limitations pertaining to a civil action
15 stayed pursuant to section 2 shall be tolled and will re-
16 sume upon the end of that person's term as President or
17 in the case of candidates for President who is not elected
18 to the office, upon certification of the presidential election.

19 **SEC. 5. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

20 Nothing in this Act may be construed—

21 (1) to prohibit the President's right to access
22 the court; or

23 (2) to preclude an executive branch agency
24 from bringing or defending civil actions involving the
25 United States government.

1 **SEC. 6. DEFINITION.**

2 In this Act, the term “immediate family” means the
3 spouse and any child of a person.

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