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To impose sanctions on foreign persons the President determines to have knowingly engaged in, facilitated, or benefitted from severe forms of trafficking in persons in connection with the Jeffrey Epstein sex trafficking enterprise or in connection with efforts to conceal, facilitate, finance, or profit from such enterprise.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “No Escaping Justice
3 Act of 2026”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) **APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-**
7 **TEES.**—The term “appropriate congressional com-
8 mittees” means—

9 (A) the Committee on Appropriations, the
10 Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Com-
11 mittee on the Judiciary of the House of Rep-
12 resentatives; and

13 (B) the Committee on Appropriations, the
14 Committee on Foreign Relations and the Com-
15 mittee on the Judiciary of the Senate.

16 (2) **EPSTEIN-RELATED RECORDS.**—The term
17 “Epstein-related records” means all records, docu-
18 ments, communications, and investigative materials
19 in the possession of the Department of State or De-
20 partment of Justice, including the Federal Bureau
21 of Investigation and United States Attorneys’ Of-
22 fices, that relate to the contents of paragraphs (1)
23 through (9) of section 2(a) of the Epstein Files
24 Transparency Act (Public Law 119–38).

1 (3) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term “foreign per-
2 son” means a person that is not a United States
3 person.

4 (4) KNOWINGLY.—The term “knowingly”, with
5 respect to conduct, a circumstance, or a result,
6 means that a person has actual knowledge, or should
7 have known, of the conduct, the circumstance, or the
8 result.

9 (5) SEVERE FORMS OF TRAFFICKING IN PER-
10 SONS.—The term “severe forms of trafficking in
11 persons” has the meaning given that term in section
12 103 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of
13 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7102).

14 (6) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term
15 “United States person” means—

16 (A) a United States citizen or an alien law-
17 fully admitted for permanent residence to the
18 United States; or

19 (B) an entity organized under the laws of
20 the United States or any jurisdiction within the
21 United States, including a foreign branch of
22 such entity.

23 **SEC. 3. IDENTIFICATION OF SANCTIONABLE PERSONS.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
25 date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for

1 5 years, the President shall, in consultation with the Sec-
2 retary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the
3 Attorney General, submit to the appropriate congressional
4 committees a report identifying each foreign person that
5 the President determines, based on credible information,
6 knowingly engaged in conduct described in subsection (b).

7 (b) SANCTIONABLE CONDUCT DESCRIBED.—The
8 conduct described in this subsection is any of the fol-
9 lowing, when undertaken knowingly in connection with the
10 Jeffrey Epstein sex trafficking enterprise or in connection
11 with efforts to conceal, facilitate, finance, or profit from
12 such enterprise:

13 (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in
14 persons, including sex trafficking involving a person
15 under 18 years of age.

16 (2) Aiding, abetting, commanding, inducing, fi-
17 nancing, organizing, or otherwise facilitating severe
18 forms of trafficking in persons or the sexual exploi-
19 tation of minors.

20 (3) Knowingly benefitting financially or receiv-
21 ing anything of value from participation in, or facili-
22 tation of, severe forms of trafficking in persons or
23 the sexual exploitation of minors.

24 (4) Obstructing, intimidating, retaliating
25 against, threatening, or corruptly influencing a vic-

1 tim, witness, or law enforcement officer in connec-
2 tion with an investigation, prosecution, or civil ac-
3 tion relating to conduct described in paragraphs (1)
4 through (3).

5 (c) CREDIBLE INFORMATION STANDARD.—For pur-
6 poses of this Act, “credible information” may include in-
7 formation from—

8 (1) United States Government agencies, includ-
9 ing law enforcement and intelligence components;

10 (2) judicial proceedings, including indictments,
11 judgments, plea agreements, sentencing findings,
12 and sworn testimony;

13 (3) foreign governments, international organiza-
14 tions, or multilateral bodies;

15 (4) credible reporting by nongovernmental orga-
16 nizations; and

17 (5) Epstein-related records, provided that the
18 appearance of a name in such records shall not be
19 sufficient to support a determination under sub-
20 section (a).

21 (d) FORM.—The report required under subsection (a)
22 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include
23 a classified annex. The unclassified form shall be prepared
24 in a manner that protects the privacy and safety of vic-
25 tims.

1 **SEC. 4. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.**

2 (a) IMPOSITION.—Except as provided in section 5,
3 the President shall impose the sanctions described in sub-
4 sections (b) and (c) with respect to each foreign person
5 identified in the report required under section 3(a).

6 (b) ASSET BLOCKING.— The President shall exercise
7 all powers granted by the International Emergency Eco-
8 nomic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) to block and
9 prohibit all transactions in all property and interests in
10 property of the foreign person if such property and inter-
11 ests in property are in the United States, come within the
12 United States, or are or come within the possession or
13 control of a United States person.

14 (c) INADMISSIBILITY AND VISA RESTRICTIONS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The foreign person shall
16 be—

17 (A) inadmissible to the United States;

18 (B) ineligible to receive a visa or other doc-
19 umentation to enter the United States; and

20 (C) otherwise ineligible to be admitted or
21 paroled into the United States.

22 (2) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—The Secretary
23 of State shall revoke, in accordance with applicable
24 law, any visa or other entry documentation issued to
25 a foreign person described in subsection (a), regard-

1 less of when the visa or documentation is or was
2 issued.

3 (d) PENALTIES.—The penalties provided for in sub-
4 sections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the International
5 Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) shall
6 apply to any person who violates, attempts to violate, con-
7 spires to violate, or causes a violation of any prohibition
8 of this section, or an order or regulation prescribed under
9 this section, to the same extent that such penalties apply
10 to a person that commits an unlawful act described in sub-
11 section section 206(a) of such Act (50 U.S.C. 1705(a)).

12 **SEC. 5. WAIVER; EXCEPTIONS; TERMINATION.**

13 (a) WAIVER.—The President may waive the applica-
14 tion of sanctions under section 4 with respect to a foreign
15 person if the President—

16 (1) determines—

17 (A) that such a waiver is in the national
18 interest of the United States; or

19 (B) that the sanctions would be applied
20 with respect to any authorized intelligence, law
21 enforcement, or national security activity of the
22 United States; and

23 (2) submits to the appropriate congressional
24 committees, not later than 15 days before the waiver

1 takes effect, notification of the determination and a
2 justification for the waiver.

3 (b) EXCEPTION.—Sanctions under section 4(c) shall
4 not apply to the extent necessary to comply with the
5 Agreement between the United Nations and the United
6 States regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations,
7 or other applicable international obligations of the United
8 States.

9 (c) TERMINATION.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall termi-
11 nate the application of sanctions under section 4
12 with respect to a foreign person if the President de-
13 termines and reports to the appropriate congres-
14 sional committees that—

15 (A) the person did not engage in the con-
16 duct for which the person was sanctioned;

17 (B) the person—

18 (i) has been prosecuted and sentenced
19 appropriately for the conduct in the United
20 States or under the jurisdiction of another
21 country;

22 (ii) has served the sentence imposed;
23 and

24 (iii) has taken verifiable steps to re-
25 mediate harm to victims; or

1 (C) the person—

2 (i) has credibly demonstrated a sig-
3 nificant change in behavior;

4 (ii) has provided substantial coopera-
5 tion to United States law enforcement or
6 judicial authorities; and

7 (iii) has taken verifiable steps to re-
8 mediate harm to victims.

9 (2) PETITION.—The President shall establish a
10 process by which a person sanctioned under section
11 4 may submit a petition for the termination of such
12 sanctions pursuant to this subsection.

13 **SEC. 6. BRIEFING.**

14 Upon request, the President, acting through the
15 heads of the applicable Federal departments or agencies,
16 shall provide to any of the appropriate congressional com-
17 mittees a briefing, which may be classified, on the status
18 of the implementation of this Act.

19 **SEC. 7. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

20 Nothing in this Act may be construed to alter, affect,
21 or otherwise relieve the Attorney General of the obliga-
22 tions under the Epstein Files Transparency Act (Public
23 Law 119–38).

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