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H. RES. 1430

Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 185) to advance responsible policies.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MASSIE (for himself, Mr. KHANNA, and Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 185) to advance responsible policies.

1 *Resolved*, That immediately upon adoption of this res-
2 olution, the House shall proceed to the consideration in
3 the House of the bill (H.R. 185) to advance responsible
4 policies. All points of order against consideration of the
5 bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a sub-
6 stitute specified in section 4 of this resolution shall be con-
7 sidered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be consid-
8 ered as read. All points of order against provisions in the
9 bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall
10 be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on

1 any further amendment thereto, to final passage without
2 intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally
3 divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority
4 member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respec-
5 tive designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

6 SEC. 2. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX and clause 8 of rule
7 XX shall not apply to the consideration of H.R. 185.

8 SEC. 3. The Clerk shall transmit to the Senate a mes-
9 sage that the House has passed H.R. 185 no later than
10 one calendar day after passage.

11 SEC. 4. The amendment in the nature of a substitute
12 referred to in the first section of this resolution is as fol-
13 lows: “Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the
14 following:

15 **“SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

16 ““This Act may be cited as the “Epstein Files Trans-
17 parency Act II”.

18 **“SEC. 2. ENFORCEMENT TO THE EPSTEIN FILES TRANS-**
19 **PARENCY ACT.**

20 ““(a) ENFORCEMENT TO THE EPSTEIN FILES
21 TRANSPARENCY ACT.—The Epstein Files Transparency
22 Act (Public Law 119–38; 139 Stat. 656) is amended by
23 adding at the end the following:

1 ““SEC. 4. ENFORCEMENT BY ATTORNEY GENERAL OF A
 2 STATE AND BY VICTIMS.

3 ““(a) ACTION AUTHORIZED.—

4 ““(1) IN GENERAL.—The attorney general of
 5 a State, a district attorney, or other authorized
 6 State officer may bring an action on behalf of such
 7 State or the residents thereof, and a victim may
 8 bring action on behalf of such victim, against the
 9 Attorney General of the United States alleging an
 10 unlawful withholding, redaction, delay, removal, con-
 11 cealment, failure to publish, failure to produce, or
 12 failure to justify a withholding or redaction of a
 13 record, document, communication, or investigative
 14 material described in section 2(a), in the United
 15 States District Court for the District of Columbia,
 16 in any United States district court located in the
 17 State on behalf of which the action is brought by an
 18 attorney general of a State, district attorney, or
 19 other authorized state officer, or, in the case of an
 20 action brought by a victim, in any district court lo-
 21 cated in the State in which the victim resides, to ob-
 22 tain declaratory relief, injunctive relief, monetary re-
 23 lief, costs, reasonable attorney’s fees, and any other
 24 appropriate equitable relief.

25 ““(2) CONSIDERATION.—The court shall ad-
 26 vance on the docket and expedite the disposition of

1 a civil action filed under this subsection to the great-
2 est extent practicable.

3 ““(3) HARM.—For purposes of this sub-
4 section, a State, a resident of a State, or a State or
5 local law enforcement agency shall be considered to
6 have been harmed if the State, the residents of a
7 State, or a State or local law enforcement agency
8 have experienced harm, including investigative harm,
9 harassment, inability to corroborate reports to law
10 enforcement, inability to obtain a victim statement,
11 informational injury, financial harm in excess of
12 \$100, or any other harm as a result of the non-
13 compliance of the Attorney General of the United
14 States with this Act.

15 ““(4) EFFECT ON TOUHY REGULATIONS.—
16 The requirements of 28 C.F.R. §§ 16.21–16.29 shall
17 not apply to any request for, or production of,
18 records pursuant to this Act. An attorney general of
19 a State, district attorney, or other authorized State
20 officer shall not be required to comply with any pro-
21 vision of such regulations as a condition of obtain-
22 ing, retaining, using, or disclosing records produced
23 under this Act, and no federal agency may invoke
24 such regulations as grounds to withhold, redact,
25 delay, or condition the production of any record re-

1 quired to be disclosed under this Act. The statutory
2 rights and enforcement mechanisms established by
3 this Act shall constitute the exclusive procedural
4 framework governing State law enforcement access
5 to records covered by this Act.

6 “(5) NO PRECLUSION OF ALTERNATIVE
7 CAUSES OF ACTION.—Nothing in this Act shall be
8 construed to limit, displace, or preclude any other
9 cause of action, claim, or remedy available to an at-
10 torney general of a State, district attorney, or other
11 authorized State officer arising from the USDOJ’s
12 withholding, redaction, delay, removal, concealment,
13 failure to publish, failure to produce, or failure to
14 justify a withholding or redaction of any record, doc-
15 ument, communication, or investigative material de-
16 scribed in section 2(a), and the enforcement avenues
17 provided under this Act shall be deemed cumulative
18 of, and in addition to, any such cause of action,
19 claim, or remedy otherwise available at law or in eq-
20 uity.

21 “(6) APPLICABILITY TO EXISTING INVES-
22 TIGATIONS.—The provisions of this Act shall apply
23 to all investigations currently pending before an at-
24 torney general of a State, district attorney, or other
25 authorized State officer at the time of enactment,

1 without regard to whether such investigation was
 2 initiated prior to the date of enactment. No provi-
 3 sion of this Act shall be construed to limit its appli-
 4 cation solely to investigations commenced after the
 5 date of enactment, and any attorney general of a
 6 State, district attorney, or other authorized State of-
 7 ficer with an active investigation into matters de-
 8 scribed in section 2(a) shall be entitled to the full
 9 benefit of the rights, procedures, and enforcement
 10 mechanisms established herein as of the date of en-
 11 actment.

12 ““(b) VICTIM ACCESS TO UNREDACTED
 13 RECORDS.—

14 ““(1) RIGHT OF ACCESS.—Upon request by a
 15 victim, the Attorney General of the United States
 16 shall provide the victim with the full, unredacted
 17 records, documents, communications, or investigative
 18 materials described in section 2(a), including FD-
 19 302 files, that identify, describe, reference, quote,
 20 summarize, document, or otherwise relate to such
 21 victim, the parents, siblings, or legal guardians of
 22 such victim, or the harm suffered by the victim.

23 ““(2) PROTECTIONS OF OTHER VICTIMS.—

24 ““(A) IN GENERAL.—In complying with
 25 a request of a victim under paragraph (1), the

1 Attorney General of the United States may re-
2 dact segregable portions of the records de-
3 scribed in paragraph (1) that contain personally
4 identifiable information of any other victim or
5 the personal and medical files and similar files
6 of any other victim the disclosure of which
7 would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion
8 of personal privacy.

9 ““(B) CLARIFICATION.—Nothing in
10 paragraph (1) shall be construed to entitle a re-
11 questing victim to obtain any record, or seg-
12 regable portion of a record, that relates to an-
13 other victim. A requesting victim shall be enti-
14 tled only to records, or portions of records, that
15 identify, describe, reference, quote, summarize,
16 document, or otherwise relate to the requesting
17 victim.

18 ““(3) ACTION AUTHORIZED.—

19 ““(A) IN GENERAL.—A victim alleging
20 an unlawful withholding, redaction, delay, re-
21 moval, concealment, failure to produce, failure
22 to respond, or failure to justify a withholding or
23 redaction of a record required to be provided
24 under this subsection shall have standing to
25 bring an action against the Attorney General of

1 the United States in the United States District
2 Court for the District of Columbia or in any
3 United States district court located in the State
4 in which the victim resides to obtain declaratory
5 relief, injunctive relief, monetary relief, costs,
6 reasonable attorney's fees, and any other appro-
7 priate equitable relief.

8 ““(B) CONSIDERATION.—The court shall
9 advance on the docket and expedite the disposi-
10 tion of a civil action filed under this paragraph
11 to the greatest extent practicable.

12 ““(c) PRODUCTION OF RECORDS REDACTED FROM
13 PUBLIC VIEW.—

14 ““(1) PRODUCTION REQUIRED.—For the pur-
15 poses of any investigation or judicial proceeding con-
16 ducted or brought by the attorney general of a
17 State, a district attorney, or other authorized State
18 officer that requests access to information permitted
19 to be withheld or redacted under section 2(c)(1), the
20 Attorney General of the United States shall make
21 available for full, unredacted access to, and copies
22 of, any such record, document, communication, or
23 investigative material described in section 2(a).

24 ““(2) POSSESSION AND USE.—An attorney
25 general of a State, district attorney, or other author-

1 ized State officer receiving records under paragraph
 2 (1) may possess, review, copy, retain, use, and dis-
 3 close such records as necessary for any investigation,
 4 enforcement action, prosecution, civil action, or
 5 other judicial proceeding, subject to any protective
 6 order entered by a court to protect the personally
 7 identifiable information of victims.

8 ““(3) COURT FILINGS.—Records produced
 9 under this subsection may be filed, submitted,
 10 quoted, described, or otherwise used in any Federal
 11 or State court proceeding, except that any portion of
 12 the record containing information protected from
 13 public disclosure under section 2(c)(1) shall be filed
 14 under seal or otherwise protected pursuant to an ap-
 15 propriate protective order unless the court deter-
 16 mines that public disclosure—

17 ““(A) is authorized by law; and

18 ““(B) does not reveal to the public per-
 19 sonally identifiable information of any victim or
 20 the personal and medical files and similar files
 21 of any victim the disclosure of which would con-
 22 stitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of per-
 23 sonal privacy.

24 ““(4) NO LIMITATION TO IN CAMERA RE-
 25 VIEW.—Production under this subsection shall not

1 be limited to in camera review, and no protective
2 order may prohibit the requesting attorney general
3 of a State, district attorney, or other authorized
4 State officer from possessing or using the records as
5 necessary for an investigation or judicial proceeding
6 consistent with this subsection.

7 ““(d) REVIEW AND USE OF CLASSIFIED MATE-
8 RIALS.—

9 ““(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of any in-
10 vestigation or judicial proceeding conducted or
11 brought by the attorney general of a State, district
12 attorney, or other authorized State officer requesting
13 access to classified records described in section 2(a),
14 the Attorney General of the United States shall
15 make available to such attorney general of a State,
16 district attorney, or other authorized State officer
17 for full, unredacted review any such classified
18 record.

19 ““(2) ACCESS.—Access under paragraph (1)
20 shall be provided in a secure facility and under pro-
21 cedures approved by the court to protect information
22 that is properly classified pursuant to criteria estab-
23 lished by executive order, including review by the
24 court, the requesting attorney general of a State,
25 district attorney, or other authorized State officer,

1 and such counsel, as the court determines are nec-
2 essary and appropriate.

3 ““(3) PROTECTIVE PROCEDURES.—The Attor-
4 ney General of the United States may not refuse,
5 delay, or object to access under paragraph (1) on
6 the grounds that the material is classified, but may
7 request protective procedures governing the storage,
8 handling, review, use, and filing of classified por-
9 tions of the material.

10 ““(4) USE OF CLASSIFIED PORTIONS.—Classi-
11 fied portions of records described in section 2(a)
12 may be submitted, described, quoted, or otherwise
13 used in any Federal or State court proceeding under
14 seal, in camera, and ex parte if necessary.

15 ““(5) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
16 this subsection shall be construed to authorize the
17 public release of classified information except in ac-
18 cordance with section 2(c)(3).

19 ““(e) CONGRESSIONAL ACCESS.—

20 ““(1) COMPLIANCE.—

21 ““(A) ACCESS.—Notwithstanding section
22 2(c) or any other provision of law, upon the
23 written request of any Member of Congress, the
24 Attorney General of the United States shall,
25 not later than 7 calendar days after receiving

1 the request, provide such Member with full,
2 unredacted access to, any record described in
3 section 2(a).

4 ““(B) RELEASE.—Upon receipt of writ-
5 ten notice from any Member of Congress alleg-
6 ing that the Attorney General of the United
7 States has unlawfully withheld or redacted ma-
8 terial under this Act or otherwise violated any
9 requirement of this Act, the Attorney General
10 shall, not later than 30 calendar days after re-
11 ceiving such notice, remedy the alleged violation
12 or provide the Member with a written justifica-
13 tion demonstrating that the actions identified in
14 the notice were in compliance with this Act.

15 ““(2) ACTION AUTHORIZED.—A Member of
16 Congress who has submitted a request under para-
17 graph (1)(A) or written notice under paragraph
18 (1)(B) and, after expiration of the applicable period
19 under paragraph (1), alleges that the Attorney Gen-
20 eral of the United States failed to comply with such
21 request or notice, or any other provision of this Act,
22 including through an unlawful withholding, redac-
23 tion, delay, removal, concealment, failure to produce,
24 failure to respond, failure to provide the written jus-
25 tification required under paragraph (1)(B), the pro-

1 vision of a written justification is materially false,
2 misleading, or otherwise fails to demonstrate compli-
3 ance with this Act, shall have a cause of action
4 against the Attorney General of the United States in
5 the United States District Court for the District of
6 Columbia or in any United States district court for
7 a judicial district that includes any portion of the
8 State, congressional district, territory, or district
9 represented by the Member for any violation of any
10 provision of this Act.

11 ““(3) RELIEF.—In an action brought under
12 paragraph (2), the court may—

13 ““(A) declare that the Attorney General
14 of the United States has failed to comply with
15 this Act;

16 ““(B) enjoin any continued withholding,
17 redaction, delay, removal, concealment, or other
18 noncompliance;

19 ““(C) declare that a written justification
20 provided under paragraph (1)(B) is materially
21 false, misleading, or otherwise fails to dem-
22 onstrate compliance with this Act;

23 ““(D) compel compliance with this Act
24 through a writ of mandamus or any other ap-
25 propriate equitable remedy; and

1 “(E) award costs and reasonable attor-
2 ney’s fees.

3 “(f) PENALTIES.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Any officer or employee
5 of the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of
6 Investigation, or United States Attorneys’ offices, in-
7 cluding the Attorney General of the United States
8 and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investiga-
9 tion, who conceals, removes, destroys, mutilates, fal-
10 sifies, withholds, misrepresents, or makes a materi-
11 ally false statement or certification concerning any
12 record, document, communication, investigative ma-
13 terial justification, report, summary, or publication
14 required under this Act shall be fined or imprisoned
15 under sections 1001, 1505, 1519, and 2071 of title
16 18, United States Code, as applicable, provided that
17 the relevant mens rea requirements under those
18 statutes shall be required to be met.

19 “(2) OBSTRUCTION OF PROCEEDINGS BE-
20 FORE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND COMMIT-
21 TEES.—For purposes of section 1505 of title 18,
22 United States Code, any congressional review, hear-
23 ing, inquiry, report, certification, or enforcement
24 proceeding relating to compliance with this Act shall

1 be deemed a proceeding before a department, agen-
2 cy, or committee of Congress.

3 ““(3) DESTRUCTION, ALTERATION, OR FAL-
4 SIFICATION OF RECORDS.—For purposes of section
5 1519 of title 18, United States Code, compliance
6 with this Act shall be deemed a matter within the
7 jurisdiction of a department or agency of the United
8 States.

9 ““(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 ““(1) VICTIM.—

11 ““(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘victim’
12 means any individual who was directly harmed
13 by any sexual abuse, trafficking, forced labor,
14 commercial sex act, abuse or exploitation of a
15 minor, or related criminal conduct involving
16 Jeffrey Epstein, Ghislaine Maxwell, or the
17 criminal network led by Epstein and Maxwell,
18 and who—

19 ““(i) has been identified, designated,
20 recognized, or otherwise treated, including
21 by redacting such individual’s name or per-
22 sonally identifiable information in a record
23 described in section 2, as a victim of Jef-
24 frey Epstein, Ghislaine Maxwell, or the
25 criminal network led by Epstein and Max-

1 well by the Department of Justice, the
2 Federal Bureau of Investigation, a United
3 States Attorney's office, or a Federal
4 court;

5 ““(ii) is associated with an FD-302
6 file or other investigative record in the pos-
7 session of the Federal Bureau of Investiga-
8 tion or the Department of Justice relating
9 to Jeffrey Epstein, Ghislaine Maxwell, or
10 the criminal network led by Epstein and
11 Maxwell; or

12 ““(iii) submits a sworn declaration
13 or affidavit making an allegation of such
14 harm involving Jeffrey Epstein, Ghislaine
15 Maxwell, or the criminal network led by
16 Epstein and Maxwell.

17 “(B) EXCLUSION.—The term ‘victim’ shall
18 not include any individual whose claim of being
19 a victim arises from such individual's own par-
20 ticipation in, solicitation of, facilitation of, con-
21 cealment of, or benefit from the criminal con-
22 duct involving Jeffrey Epstein, Ghislaine Max-
23 well, or the criminal network led by Epstein
24 and Maxwell, unless such individual's involve-
25 ment in that conduct originated from being

1 trafficked, sexually abused, or otherwise directly
 2 harmed by sexual abuse, sex trafficking, forced
 3 labor, or abuse or exploitation of a minor in-
 4 volving Jeffrey Epstein, Ghislaine Maxwell, or
 5 the criminal network led by Epstein and Max-
 6 well.

7 ““(2) CRIMINAL NETWORK.—The term ‘crimi-
 8 nal network’ means any individual or entity that
 9 knowingly participated in, assisted, facilitated, fund-
 10 ed, concealed, profited from, obstructed investigation
 11 of, or otherwise enabled any sexual abuse, sex traf-
 12 ficking, forced labor, commercial sex act, abuse of a
 13 minor, financial exploitation, money laundering,
 14 bribery, extortion, racketeering activity, or other re-
 15 lated criminal conduct involving Jeffrey Epstein or
 16 Ghislaine Maxwell.”.

17 ““(b) PROHIBITED WITHHOLDINGS FURTHER
 18 CLARIFIED.—Section 2(b) of the Epstein Files Trans-
 19 parency Act (Public Law 119–38; 139 Stat. 657) is
 20 amended by adding after paragraph (1) the following new
 21 paragraph:

22 “(2) The Attorney General of the United States
 23 may not invoke any common law privilege, including
 24 the deliberative process privilege, attorney-client
 25 privilege, attorney work-product privilege, or law en-

1 enforcement privilege, to withhold, delay, or redact any
 2 record, document, communication, or investigative
 3 material described in subsection (a), except as ex-
 4 pressly permitted under subsection (c).”.

5 ““(c) PERMITTED WITHHOLDINGS.—Section 2(c)(1)
 6 of the Epstein Files Transparency Act (Public Law 119–
 7 38; 139 Stat. 657) is amended—

8 ““(1) in subparagraph (C), by striking the
 9 semicolon at the end and inserting “; or”;

10 ““(2) in subparagraph (D), by striking “; or”
 11 and inserting a period; and

12 ““(3) by striking subparagraph (E).

13 ““(d) PERMITTED WITHHOLDINGS CONT.—Section
 14 2(c)(2) of the Epstein Files Transparency Act (Public
 15 Law 119–38; 139 Stat. 657) is amended by striking “All
 16 redactions” before “must be accompanied by a written jus-
 17 tification” and inserting “Each redaction”.’.”.

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