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To combat fraud in Federal programs, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 22, 2026

Ms. ERNST (for herself, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. MOODY, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. BANKS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MORENO, Mr. HUSTED, Mr. MCCORMICK, and Mr. LANKFORD) introduced the following bill; which was read the first time

APRIL 27, 2026

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**A BILL**

To combat fraud in Federal programs, and for other purposes.

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 “Protecting American  
5 Taxpayers Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

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## **DIVISION A—RECOVERING**

## **STOLEN FUNDS**

## **TITLE I—IMPROPER PAYMENTS**

### **SEC. 1101. SHORT TITLE.**

This title may be cited as the “Stop Fraud Before Payment Act”.

### **SEC. 1102. PREVENTING FRAUD IN CHILD CARE SERVICES.**

(a) STATE PLAN.—Section 658E of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858c) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c)(2), by adding by striking subparagraph (S) and inserting the following:

“(S) ATTENDANCE-BASED BILLING.—The plan shall include an assurance that the lead agency will provide payment under this subchapter to a child care provider based on recorded attendance, rather than enrollment alone, in the program of the provider.”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(e) TIMING OF PAYMENT.—Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to require a lead agency to make a payment to a child care provider prior to the provision of child care services. The lead agency shall make

1 a payment under this subchapter to such a provider as  
 2 reimbursement, in a timely manner, and on the basis of  
 3 the provider's provision of child care services.”.

4 (b) AUDITS.—Section 658K of the Child Care and  
 5 Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858i)  
 6 is amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(c) FEDERAL AUDITS.—Each child care provider  
 8 that receives a payment under this subchapter shall pre-  
 9 pare a record of attendance in the provider's program and  
 10 of the provider's provision of child care services, and main-  
 11 tain the record for a period of 7 years after the date of  
 12 preparation of such record. The provider shall make such  
 13 records available for audits by the Secretary, the Attorney  
 14 General, and the Comptroller General of the United  
 15 States.”.

16 **SEC. 1103. IDENTIFYING FRAUD IN HEALTH CARE SERV-**  
 17 **ICES.**

18 (a) MEDICARE.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
 20 Human Services shall, not later than 60 days after  
 21 making a determination described in paragraph (2),  
 22 notify the Inspector General of the Department of  
 23 Health and Human Services of such determination.

24 (2) DETERMINATION.—A determination de-  
 25 scribed in this paragraph is a determination that—

(A) the aggregate amount paid under the Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.) for an item or service or items or services in a zip code and county or county equivalent increased by more than 100 percent in a single year; or

(B) the number of provider of services or suppliers (as those terms are defined under section 1861 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x)) who received payment for items or services furnished under the Medicare program increased in a zip code and county or county equivalent by more than 100 percent in a single year.

(b) QUALIFIED HEALTH PLANS UNDER THE AMERICAN HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall, not later than 60 days after making a determination described in paragraph (2), notify the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services of such determination.

(2) DETERMINATION.—A determination described in this paragraph is a determination that—

(A) the aggregate amount paid under all qualified health plans offered through the

1 American Health Benefit Exchanges established  
2 under sections 1311 and 1321 of the Patient  
3 Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C.  
4 18031, 18041) for an item or service or items  
5 or services in a zip code and county or county  
6 equivalent increased by more than 100 percent  
7 in a single year; or

8 (B) the number of providers of services  
9 who received payment for items or services  
10 under such qualified health plans increased in a  
11 zip code and county or county equivalent by  
12 more than 100 percent in a single year.

13 (3) REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT CERTAIN INFOR-  
14 MATION.—Annually, each American Health Benefit  
15 Exchange established under section 1311 or 1321 of  
16 the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42  
17 U.S.C. 18031, 18041) shall collect from each quali-  
18 fied health plan offered through such an Exchange,  
19 and submit to the Secretary of Health and Human  
20 Services, the information necessary for the Secretary  
21 to make a determination described in paragraph (2).

22 (c) MEDICAID AND CHIP.—

23 (1) MEDICAID.—Section 1902 of the Social Se-  
24 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a) is amended—

25 (A) in subsection (a)—

1 (i) in paragraph (88), by striking “;  
2 and” and inserting a semicolon;

3 (ii) in paragraph (89), by striking the  
4 period at the end and inserting “; and”;  
5 and

6 (iii) by adding after paragraph (89)  
7 the following new paragraph:

8 “(90) provide that, not later than 60 days after  
9 making a determination described in subsection (yy),  
10 the State agency shall notify the Secretary and the  
11 Inspector General of the Department of Health and  
12 Human Services of such determination.”; and

13 (B) by adding at the end the following new  
14 subsection:

15 “(yy) DETERMINATION OF CERTAIN INCREASED  
16 PAYMENTS OR PROVIDERS IN A SINGLE YEAR.—For pur-  
17 poses of subsection (a)(90), a determination described in  
18 this subsection is a determination that—

19 “(1) the aggregate amount paid under the  
20 State plan under this title, or under a waiver of such  
21 plan, for an item or service or items or services in  
22 a zip code and county or county equivalent increased  
23 by more than 100 percent in a single year; or

24 “(2) the number of providers of items or serv-  
25 ices who received payments for items or services fur-



1 nished in a zip code and county or county equivalent  
 2 under such State plan or waiver increased by more  
 3 than 100 percent in a single year.”.

4 (2) CHIP.—Section 2107(e)(1) of the Social  
 5 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397gg(e)(1)) is amended  
 6 by—

7 (A) redesignating subparagraphs (I)  
 8 through (W) as subparagraphs (J) through (X),  
 9 respectively; and

10 (B) inserting after subparagraph (H) the  
 11 following subparagraph:

12 “(I) Subsections (a)(90) and (yy) of sec-  
 13 tion 1902 (relating to determination of certain  
 14 increased payments or providers in a single year  
 15 and notification to the Secretary and the In-  
 16 spector General of Health and Human Serv-  
 17 ices).”.

18 (d) AUDIT BY THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF HEALTH  
 19 AND HUMAN SERVICES.—Not later than 5 years after the  
 20 date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,  
 21 the Inspector General of Health and Human Services  
 22 shall—

23 (1) identify, based on the results of any notifi-  
 24 cations received under subsection (a) or (b), or  
 25 under section 1902(a)(90) of the Social Security Act

1 (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(90)) or section 2107(e)(1)(I) of  
 2 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1397gg(e)(1)(I)), any program  
 3 or State plan or waiver (in the case of Medicaid and  
 4 the State Children's Health Insurance Program)  
 5 under which the aggregate amount paid for an item  
 6 or service or items or services in a zip code and  
 7 county or county equivalent or the number of pro-  
 8 viders of items or services or suppliers, as applicable,  
 9 who received payments for items or services fur-  
 10 nished in a zip code and county or county equivalent  
 11 increased by at least 400 percent during the pre-  
 12 ceding 5-year period; and

13 (2) audit any such program, State plan, or  
 14 waiver.

15 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

16 (1) MEDICARE.—Subsection (a) shall take ef-  
 17 fect on the date that is 180 days after the date of  
 18 enactment of this Act.

19 (2) QUALIFIED HEALTH PLANS UNDER THE  
 20 AMERICAN HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGES.—Sub-  
 21 section (b) shall take effect on the date that is 180  
 22 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

23 (3) MEDICAID AND CHIP.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
 25 subparagraph (B), the amendments made by

1 subsection (c) shall take effect on the date that  
2 is 180 days after the date of enactment of this  
3 Act.

4 (B) DELAY PERMITTED IF STATE LEGISLA-  
5 TION REQUIRED.—In the case of a State plan  
6 approved under title XIX of the Social Security  
7 Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) or title XXI of  
8 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1397aa et seq.) which the  
9 Secretary of Health and Human Services deter-  
10 mines requires State legislation (other than leg-  
11 islation appropriating funds) in order for the  
12 plan to meet the additional requirements im-  
13 posed by the amendments made by subsection  
14 (c), the State plan shall not be regarded as fail-  
15 ing to comply with the requirements of such  
16 title XIX or XXI (as applicable) solely on the  
17 basis of the failure of the plan to meet such ad-  
18 ditional requirements before the first day of the  
19 first calendar quarter beginning after the close  
20 of the first regular session of the State legisla-  
21 ture that ends after the 1-year period beginning  
22 with the date of enactment of this section. For  
23 purposes of the preceding sentence, in the case  
24 of a State that has a 2-year legislative session,

1           each year of the session is deemed to be a sepa-  
2           rate regular session of the State legislature.

3 **SEC. 1104. RECOVERING IMPROPER PAYMENTS.**

4           (a) GUIDANCE.—The Director of the Office of Man-  
5   agement and Budget shall prescribe guidance to all agen-  
6   cies (as defined in section 551 of title 5, United States  
7   Code) to ensure that all improper payments (as defined  
8   in section 3351 of title 31, United States Code) are recov-  
9   ered.

10          (b) ANNUAL INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT.—Sec-  
11   tion 3353(a)(1) of title 31, United States Code, is amend-  
12   ed—

13           (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at  
14   the end;

15           (2) in subparagraph (B)(iv), by striking the pe-  
16   riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

17           (3) by adding at the end the following:

18           “(C) include in each report submitted  
19   under subparagraph (B) the amount of im-  
20   proper payments recovered by the executive  
21   agency in the fiscal year covered by the re-  
22   port.”.

1       **TITLE II—ASSISTING SMALL**  
 2       **BUSINESSES NOT FRAUDSTERS**

3       **SEC. 1201. SHORT TITLE.**

4           This title may be cited as the “Assisting Small Busi-  
 5       nesses Not Fraudsters Act”.

6       **SEC. 1202. ASSISTANCE PROHIBITED AFTER FRAUD CON-**  
 7                               **VICTION.**

8           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 16 of the Small Business  
 9       Act (15 U.S.C. 645) is amended by adding at the end the  
 10      following:

11           “(h) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROHIBITION.—

12                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—An associate of a small  
 13       business concern who is finally convicted of any  
 14       crime involving or relating to financial misconduct or  
 15       a false statement with respect to a covered loan or  
 16       grant shall be ineligible to receive any financial as-  
 17       sistance from the Administrator, other than financial  
 18       assistance under section 7(b).

19                   “(2) BUSINESS CONCERNS.—A small business  
 20       concern that has as an associate an individual sub-  
 21       ject to paragraph (1) shall be ineligible to receive  
 22       any financial assistance from the Administrator,  
 23       other than financial assistance under section 7(b).

24                   “(3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

1           “(A) ASSOCIATE.—The term ‘associate’  
2 means, with respect to a small business con-  
3 cern—

4           “(i) an officer, director, or owner of  
5 more than 20 percent of the equity of, or  
6 a key employee of, such small business  
7 concern;

8           “(ii) any entity not less than 20 per-  
9 cent owned or controlled by one or more  
10 individuals referred to in clause (i); and

11           “(iii) any other individual or entity in  
12 control of or controlled by such small busi-  
13 ness concern, except for a licensed small  
14 business investment company (as defined  
15 in section 103(3) of the Small Business In-  
16 vestment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 662(3))).

17           “(B) COVERED LOAN OR GRANT.—The  
18 term ‘covered loan or grant’ means—

19           “(i) a loan made under—

20           “(I) paragraph (36) or (37) of  
21 section 7(a); or

22           “(II) section 7(b) in response to  
23 the COVID–19 pandemic; or

24           “(ii) a grant made under—

1 “(I) section 5003 of the Amer-  
2 ican Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (15  
3 U.S.C. 9009c); or

4 “(II) section 324 of the Eco-  
5 nomic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Busi-  
6 nesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act  
7 (15 U.S.C. 9009a).

8 “(C) FINALLY CONVICTED.—The term ‘fi-  
9 nally convicted’ means, with respect to a per-  
10 son, that such person has been convicted of an  
11 offense and such conviction—

12 “(i) has not been appealed and is no  
13 longer appealable because the time for tak-  
14 ing an appeal has expired; or

15 “(ii) has been appealed and the ap-  
16 peals process for such conviction is com-  
17 pleted.”.

18 (b) APPLICABILITY.—Subsection (h) of section 16 of  
19 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 645), as added by sub-  
20 section (a) of this section, shall not apply to any contract  
21 or other agreement entered into by the Government prior  
22 to the date of enactment of this Act.

1 **TITLE III—WELFARE ABUSE AND**  
2 **LAUNDERING ZILLIONS**

3 **SEC. 1301. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This title may be cited as the “Welfare Abuse and  
5 Laundering Zillions Act” or the “WALZ Act”.

6 **SEC. 1302. REQUIRING INVESTIGATIONS OF CERTAIN PAY-**  
7 **MENT INCREASES UNDER STATE PROGRAMS**  
8 **FUNDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
9 **AND HUMAN SERVICES.**

10 In the case that the total amount paid to providers  
11 of services and suppliers under a State program that re-  
12 ceives Federal financial assistance administered by the  
13 Secretary of Health and Human Services during any 6-  
14 month period increases by 10 percent or more as com-  
15 pared to that amount during the prior 6-month period,  
16 the Inspector General of the Department of Health and  
17 Human Services shall open an investigation into such pro-  
18 gram.

19 **TITLE IV—RETURNING UNSPENT**  
20 **COVID FUNDS**

21 **SEC. 1401. SHORT TITLE.**

22 This title may be cited as the “Returning Unspent  
23 COVID Funds Act”.



1 **SEC. 1402. RESCISSION OF UNUSED COVID FUNDING.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), effective on the date of enactment of this Act, the unobligated  
3 balances of amounts made available under the following  
4 are rescinded:  
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6 (1) The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021  
7 (Public Law 117–2; 135 Stat. 4).

8 (2) Division M or N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260; 134 Stat.  
9 1182).  
10

11 (3) The Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (Public Law 116–  
12 139; 134 Stat. 620).  
13

14 (4) The CARES Act (Public Law 116–136; 134 Stat. 281).  
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16 (5) The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (Public Law 116–127; 134 Stat. 178).  
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18 (6) The Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020  
19 (Public Law 116–123; 134 Stat. 146).  
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21 (b) NATIONAL SECURITY WAIVER.—Amounts described in subsection (a) that were made available for an  
22 account or program shall not be rescinded if, not later  
23 than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the  
24 President submits to the Committee on the Budget of the  
25 House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance  
26

1 of the Senate a notice waiving the rescission under sub-  
 2 section (a) with respect to the account or program.

3 (c) USE FOR DEFICIT REDUCTION.—Amounts re-  
 4 scinded under subsection (a) shall remain in the general  
 5 fund of the Treasury for the sole purpose of deficit reduc-  
 6 tion.

## 7 **TITLE V—BONUSES FOR COST-** 8 **CUTTERS**

### 9 **SEC. 1501. SHORT TITLE.**

10 This title may be cited as the “Bonuses for Cost-Cut-  
 11 ters Act of 2026”.

### 12 **SEC. 1502. COST SAVINGS ENHANCEMENTS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—

14 (1) DEFINITIONS.—Section 4511 of title 5,  
 15 United States Code, is amended—

16 (A) in the section heading, by striking  
 17 “**Definition**” and inserting “**Definitions**”;  
 18 and

19 (B) in subsection (a)—

20 (i) by striking “this subchapter, the  
 21 term” and inserting the following: “this  
 22 subchapter—

23 “(1) the term”;

24 (ii) by striking the period at the end  
 25 and inserting “; and”; and

1 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
2 lowing:

3 “(2) the term ‘surplus salaries and expenses  
4 funds’ means amounts made available for the sala-  
5 ries and expenses account, or equivalent account, of  
6 an agency—

7 “(A) that are identified by an employee of  
8 the agency under section 4512(a) as unneces-  
9 sary;

10 “(B) that the Inspector General of the  
11 agency or other agency employee designated  
12 under section 4512(b) determines are not re-  
13 quired for the purpose for which the amounts  
14 were made available;

15 “(C) that the Chief Financial Officer of  
16 the agency determines are not required for the  
17 purpose for which the amounts were made  
18 available; and

19 “(D) the rescission of which would not be  
20 detrimental to the full execution of the purposes  
21 for which the amounts were made available.”.

22 (2) AUTHORITY.—Section 4512 of title 5,  
23 United States Code, is amended—

24 (A) in subsection (a)—

1 (i) in the matter preceding paragraph  
2 (1), by inserting “or identification of sur-  
3 plus salaries and expenses funds” after  
4 “mismanagement”;

5 (ii) in paragraph (2), by inserting “or  
6 identification” after “disclosure”; and

7 (iii) in the matter following paragraph  
8 (2), by inserting “or identification” after  
9 “disclosure”; and

10 (B) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(c)(1) The Inspector General of an agency or other  
12 agency employee designated under subsection (b) shall  
13 refer to the Chief Financial Officer of the agency any po-  
14 tential surplus salaries and expenses funds identified by  
15 an employee that the Inspector General or other agency  
16 employee determines meet the requirements under sub-  
17 paragraphs (B) and (D) of section 4511(a)(2), along with  
18 any recommendations of the Inspector General or other  
19 agency employee.

20 “(2)(A) If the Chief Financial Officer of the agency  
21 determines that potential surplus salaries and expenses  
22 funds referred under paragraph (1) meet the requirements  
23 under section 4511(a)(2), except as provided in subsection  
24 (d), the head of the agency shall transfer the amount of  
25 the surplus salaries and expenses funds from the applica-

1 ble appropriations account to the general fund of the  
2 Treasury.

3 “(B) Any amounts transferred under subparagraph  
4 (A) shall be deposited in the Treasury and used for deficit  
5 reduction, except that in the case of a fiscal year for which  
6 there is no Federal budget deficit, such amounts shall be  
7 used to reduce the Federal debt (in such manner as the  
8 Secretary of the Treasury considers appropriate).

9 “(3) The Inspector General or other agency employee  
10 designated under subsection (b) for each agency and the  
11 Chief Financial Officer for each agency shall issue stand-  
12 ards and definitions for purposes of making determina-  
13 tions relating to potential surplus salaries and expenses  
14 funds identified by an employee under this subsection.

15 “(d)(1) The head of an agency may retain not more  
16 than 10 percent of amounts to be transferred to the gen-  
17 eral fund of the Treasury under subsection (c)(2).

18 “(2) Amounts retained by the head of an agency  
19 under paragraph (1) may be—

20 “(A) used for the purpose of paying a cash  
21 award under subsection (a) to 1 or more employees  
22 who identified the surplus salaries and expenses  
23 funds; and

24 “(B) to the extent amounts remain after paying  
25 cash awards under subsection (a), transferred or re-

1       programmed for use by the agency, in accordance  
2       with any limitation on such a transfer or reprogram-  
3       ming under any other provision of law.

4       “(e)(1) Not later than October 1 of each fiscal year,  
5       the head of each agency shall submit to the Secretary of  
6       the Treasury a report identifying the total savings  
7       achieved during the previous fiscal year through disclo-  
8       sures of possible fraud, waste, or mismanagement and  
9       identifications of surplus salaries and expenses funds by  
10      an employee.

11      “(2) Not later than September 30 of each fiscal year,  
12      the head of each agency shall submit to the Secretary of  
13      the Treasury a report that, for the previous fiscal year—

14              “(A) describes each disclosure of possible fraud,  
15              waste, or mismanagement or identification of poten-  
16              tially surplus salaries and expenses funds by an em-  
17              ployee of the agency determined by the agency to  
18              have merit; and

19              “(B) provides the number and amount of cash  
20              awards paid by the agency under subsection (a).

21      “(3) The head of each agency shall include the infor-  
22      mation described in paragraphs (1) and (2) in each budget  
23      request of the agency submitted to the Office of Manage-  
24      ment and Budget as part of the preparation of the budget

1 of the President submitted to Congress under section  
2 1105(a) of title 31.

3 “(4) The Secretary of the Treasury shall submit to  
4 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, the Com-  
5 mittee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives,  
6 and the Government Accountability Office an annual re-  
7 port on Federal cost saving and awards based on the re-  
8 ports submitted under paragraphs (1) and (2).

9 “(f) The Director of the Office of Personnel Manage-  
10 ment shall—

11 “(1) ensure that the cash award program of  
12 each agency complies with this section; and

13 “(2) submit to Congress an annual certification  
14 indicating whether the cash award program of each  
15 agency complies with this section.

16 “(g) Not later than 3 years after the date of enact-  
17 ment of this subsection, and every 3 years thereafter, the  
18 Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to  
19 Congress a report on the operation of the cost savings and  
20 awards program under this section, including any rec-  
21 ommendations for legislative changes.”.

22 (3) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-  
23 MENT.—The table of sections for subchapter II of  
24 chapter 45 of title 5, United States Code, is amend-

1       ed by striking the item relating to section 4511 and  
 2       inserting the following:

“4511. Definitions and general provisions.”.

3               (4) SUNSET.—Effective 6 years after the date  
 4       of enactment of this Act—

5               (A) section 4511 of title 5, United States  
 6       Code, is amended—

7                       (i) in the section heading, by striking  
 8               **“Definitions”** and inserting **“Defini-**  
 9               **tion”**; and

10                      (ii) in subsection (a)—

11                               (I) in paragraph (1), by striking  
 12                               “; and” and inserting a period;

13                               (II) by striking “this sub-  
 14                               chapter—” and all that follows  
 15                               through “the term ‘agency’ means”  
 16                               and inserting “this subchapter, the  
 17                               term ‘agency’ means”; and

18                               (III) by striking paragraph (2);

19               (B) section 4512 of title 5, United States  
 20       Code, is amended—

21                       (i) in subsection (a)—

22                               (I) in the matter preceding para-  
 23                               graph (1), by striking “or identifica-  
 24                               tion of surplus salaries and expenses  
 25                               funds”;



1 (II) in paragraph (2), by striking  
 2 “or identification”; and  
 3 (III) in the matter following  
 4 paragraph (2), by striking “or identi-  
 5 fication”; and  
 6 (ii) by striking subsections (c)  
 7 through (g); and  
 8 (C) the table of sections for subchapter II  
 9 of chapter 45 of title 5, United States Code, is  
 10 amended by striking the item relating to section  
 11 4511 and inserting the following:

“4511. Definition and general provisions.”.

12 (b) OFFICERS ELIGIBLE FOR CASH AWARDS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 4509 of title 5,  
 14 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

15 **“§ 4509. Prohibition of cash award to certain officers**

16 “(a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘agen-  
 17 cy’—

18 “(1) has the meaning given the term in section  
 19 551(1); and

20 “(2) includes an entity described in section  
 21 4501(1).

22 “(b) PROHIBITION.—An officer may not receive a  
 23 cash award under this subchapter if the officer—

24 “(1) serves in a position at level I of the Execu-  
 25 tive Schedule;

1 “(2) is the head of an agency; or

2 “(3) is a commissioner, board member, or other  
3 voting member of an independent establishment.”.

4 (2) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-  
5 MENT.—The table of sections for subchapter I of  
6 chapter 45 of title 5, United States Code, is amend-  
7 ed by striking the item relating to section 4509 and  
8 inserting the following:

“4509. Prohibition of cash award to certain officers.”.

## 9 **TITLE VI—IMPROPER PAYMENTS** 10 **TRANSPARENCY**

### 11 **SEC. 2601. SHORT TITLE.**

12 This title may be cited as the “Improper Payments  
13 Transparency Act”.

### 14 **SEC. 2602. INCLUDING IMPROPER PAYMENT INFORMATION** 15 **IN PRESIDENT’S BUDGET SUBMISSION.**

16 Section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, is  
17 amended by adding at the end the following:

18 “(39) information with respect to improper pay-  
19 ment (as such term is defined in section 3351)  
20 amounts and rates for programs and activities at  
21 each executive agency required to submit improper  
22 payment reports under subchapter IV of chapter 33,  
23 including—

24 “(A) a narrative description, including a  
25 detailed explanation with respect to why any

improper payment amounts and rates occurred  
and trends of—

“(i) each program and activity with  
improper payment amounts and rates that  
have increased or decreased on average  
over the previous 3 years; and

“(ii) each program and activity whose  
improper payment amounts and rates did  
not change over such years; and

“(B) any corrective actions, including any  
such action in any corrective action plan under  
section 3352(d), with respect to such programs  
and activities that are incomplete, and steps the  
executive agency will take to address issues re-  
lating to improper payment amounts and  
rates.”.

## **DIVISION B—PROTECTING TAXPAYERS**

### **TITLE I—STRENGTHENING TANF PROGRAM INTEGRITY**

#### **SEC. 2101. STRENGTHENING PROGRAM INTEGRITY BY MEASURING IMPROPER PAYMENTS.**

(a) APPLICABILITY OF IMPROPER PAYMENTS  
LAWS.—Section 404 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
604) is amended by adding at the end the following:

1       “(1) APPLICABILITY OF IMPROPER PAYMENTS  
2 LAWS.—

3           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Improper Payments  
4 Information Act of 2002 and the Improper Pay-  
5 ments Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010 shall  
6 apply to a State in respect of the State program  
7 funded under this part and any other State program  
8 funded with qualified State expenditures (as defined  
9 in section 409(a)(6)(B)(i)) in the same manner in  
10 which such Acts apply to a Federal agency.

11          “(2) REGULATIONS.—Within 2 years after the  
12 date of the enactment of this subsection, the Sec-  
13 retary shall prescribe regulations governing how a  
14 State reviews and reports improper payments under  
15 the State program funded under this part and any  
16 other State program funded with qualified State ex-  
17 penditures (as defined in section 409(a)(6)(B)(i)).”.

18          (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Within 1 year after the  
19 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health  
20 and Human Services shall submit to the Congress a writ-  
21 ten report that contains a plan to reduce or eliminate im-  
22 proper payments made by States under part A of title IV  
23 of the Social Security Act within 10 years.

1 **SEC. 2102. PROHIBITION ON STATE DIVERSION OF FED-**  
 2 **ERAL FUNDS TO REPLACE STATE SPENDING.**

3 Section 408(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
 4 608(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(13) NON-SUPPLANTATION REQUIREMENT.—  
 6 Funds made available to a State under this part  
 7 shall be used to supplement, not supplant, State  
 8 general revenue spending on activities described in  
 9 section 404.”.

10 **SEC. 2103. ALIGNING AND IMPROVING DATA REPORTING.**

11 (a) REQUIREMENT THAT STATES REPORT FULL-  
 12 POPULATION DATA.—Section 411(a)(1) of the Social Se-  
 13 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 611(a)(1)) is amended—

14 (1) by striking subparagraph (B);

15 (2) by striking “(1) GENERAL REPORTING RE-  
 16 QUIREMENT.—”; and

17 (3) by—

18 (A) redesignating—

19 (i) subparagraph (A) as paragraph  
 20 (1);

21 (ii) clauses (i) through (xvii) of sub-  
 22 paragraph (A) as subparagraphs (A)  
 23 through (Q), respectively;

24 (iii) subclauses (I) through (V) of  
 25 clause (ii) as clauses (i) through (v), re-  
 26 spectively;

1 (iv) subclauses (I) through (VII) of  
 2 clause (xi) as clauses (i) through (vii), re-  
 3 spectively; and

4 (v) subclauses (I) through (V) of  
 5 clause (xvi) as clauses (i) through (v), re-  
 6 spectively; and

7 (B) moving each such redesignated provi-  
 8 sion 2 ems to the left.

9 (b) REPORT ON PARTICIPATION IN WORK ACTIVI-  
 10 TIES.—Section 411(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (42  
 11 U.S.C. 611(a)(1)), as amended by subsection (a)(3) of this  
 12 section, is further amended by striking subparagraphs (K)  
 13 and (L) and inserting the following:

14 “(K) The work eligibility status of each in-  
 15 dividual in the family, and—

16 “(i) in the case of each work-eligible  
 17 individual (as defined in the regulations  
 18 promulgated pursuant to section  
 19 407(i)(1)(A)(i)) in the family, the number  
 20 of hours (including zero hours) per month  
 21 of participation in work activities (as de-  
 22 fined in section 407(d)); and

23 “(ii) in the case of each individual in  
 24 the family who is not a work-eligible indi-

1                   vidual (as so defined), the reason for that  
2                   status.

3                   “(L) For each work-eligible individual (as  
4                   so defined) and each adult in the family who  
5                   did not participate in work activities (as so de-  
6                   fined) during a month, the reason for the lack  
7                   of participation.”.

8           (c) REPORTING OF INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT  
9 AND EARNINGS OUTCOMES.—Section 411(c) of the Social  
10 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 611(c)) is amended to read as  
11 follows:

12           “(c) REPORTING OF INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT  
13 AND EARNINGS OUTCOMES.—The Secretary, in consulta-  
14 tion with the Secretary of Labor, shall determine the in-  
15 formation that is necessary to compute the employment  
16 and earnings outcomes and the statistical adjustment  
17 model for the employment and earnings outcomes required  
18 under section 407, and each eligible State shall collect and  
19 report that information to the Secretary.”.

20 **SEC. 2104. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO DATA EXCHANGE**  
21 **STANDARDS TO IMPROVE PROGRAM COORDI-**  
22 **NATION.**

23           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 411(d) of the Social Secu-  
24 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 611(d)) is amended to read as follows:

1       “(d) DATA EXCHANGE STANDARDS FOR IMPROVED  
2 INTEROPERABILITY.—

3               “(1) DESIGNATION.—The Secretary shall, in  
4 consultation with an interagency work group estab-  
5 lished in consultation with the Office of Management  
6 and Budget and considering State government per-  
7 spectives, by rule, designate data exchange stand-  
8 ards to govern, under this part—

9               “(A) necessary categories of information  
10 that State agencies operating programs under  
11 State plans approved under this part are re-  
12 quired under applicable Federal law to elec-  
13 tronically exchange with another State agency;  
14 and

15               “(B) Federal reporting and data exchange  
16 required under applicable Federal law.

17               “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The data exchange  
18 standards required by paragraph (1) shall, to the ex-  
19 tent practicable—

20               “(A) incorporate a widely accepted, non-  
21 proprietary, searchable, computer-readable for-  
22 mat, such as the eXtensible Markup Language;

23               “(B) contain interoperable standards devel-  
24 oped and maintained by intergovernmental



1 partnerships, such as the National Information  
2 Exchange Model;

3 “(C) incorporate interoperable standards  
4 developed and maintained by Federal entities  
5 with authority over contracting and financial  
6 assistance;

7 “(D) be consistent with and implement ap-  
8 plicable accounting principles;

9 “(E) be implemented in a manner that is  
10 cost-effective and improves program efficiency  
11 and effectiveness; and

12 “(F) be capable of being continually up-  
13 graded as necessary.

14 “(3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in  
15 this subsection shall be construed to require a  
16 change to existing data exchange standards found to  
17 be effective and efficient.”.

18 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Not later than the date that  
19 is 24 months after the date of the enactment of this sec-  
20 tion, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall  
21 issue a proposed rule that—

22 (1) identifies federally required data exchanges,  
23 include specification and timing of exchanges to be  
24 standardized, and address the factors used in deter-

1 mining whether and when to standardize data ex-  
 2 changes; and

3 (2) specifies State implementation options and  
 4 describes future milestones.

## 5 **TITLE II—RESTRICTION ON** 6 **UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE** 7 **FOR FOREIGN AGENTS**

### 8 **SEC. 2201. SHORT TITLE.**

9 This title may be cited as the “No Funding for For-  
 10 eign Agents Act”.

### 11 **SEC. 2202. DEFINITIONS.**

12 In this title:

13 (1) AGENT OF A COVERED FOREIGN PRIN-  
 14 CIPAL.—The term “agent of a covered foreign prin-  
 15 cipal” means—

16 (A) any person who acts as an agent, rep-  
 17 resentative, employee, or servant, or in any  
 18 other capacity at the order, request, or under  
 19 the direction or control, of a covered foreign  
 20 principal or of a person any of whose activities  
 21 are directly or indirectly supervised, directed,  
 22 controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or  
 23 in major part by a covered foreign principal,  
 24 whether or not that person represents the inter-  
 25 ests of such foreign principal before any agency

1 or official of the Government of the United  
2 States or engages in any official activity within  
3 the United States;

4 (B) any duly accredited diplomatic or con-  
5 sular officer of the government of a covered na-  
6 tion who is so recognized by the Department of  
7 State;

8 (C) any official of the government of a cov-  
9 ered nation whose duties are known by the De-  
10 partment of State;

11 (D) any member of the staff of, or any  
12 person employed by, a duly accredited diplo-  
13 matic or consular officer of the government of  
14 a covered nation who is so recognized by the  
15 Department of State;

16 (E) any agent of a covered foreign prin-  
17 cipal who engages in lobbying activities and has  
18 registered or would be required to register  
19 under section 4 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act  
20 of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1603); and

21 (F) any person who has provided notice to  
22 the Attorney General as an agent of a foreign  
23 government or would be required to provide  
24 such notice under section 951 of title 18,  
25 United States Code.

1           (2) CONTROLLED.—The term “controlled” has  
 2           the meaning given the term “control” in section  
 3           80.208 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations, pro-  
 4           vided that any officer, executive, proprietor, director,  
 5           partner, senior manager, or combination of agents  
 6           who together own a majority or a dominant minority  
 7           of the total outstanding voting interest, of an entity  
 8           shall be understood to control it for purposes of this  
 9           Act.

10           (3) COVERED FOREIGN PRINCIPAL.—The term  
 11           “covered foreign principal” means—

12                   (A) the government of a covered nation  
 13                   and any political party in a covered nation;

14                   (B) a person in a covered nation, unless  
 15                   such person—

16                           (i)(I) is an individual citizen of, and  
 17                           domiciled within, the United States; and

18                           (II) is not an agent of a covered for-  
 19                           eign principal; or

20                           (ii)(I) is not an individual;

21                           (II) is organized under, or created by,  
 22                           the laws of the United States or of any  
 23                           State or other place subject to the jurisdic-  
 24                           tion of the United States;

1 (III) has its principal place of busi-  
 2 ness within the United States; and

3 (IV) is not controlled by an agent of  
 4 a covered foreign principal;

5 (C) a partnership, association, corporation,  
 6 organization, or other combination of persons  
 7 organized under the laws of, or having its prin-  
 8 cipal place of business in, a covered nation; or

9 (D) any organization named in section  
 10 1003 of the Anti-Terrorism Act of 1987 (22  
 11 U.S.C. 5202).

12 (4) COVERED NATION.—The term “covered na-  
 13 tion” means the Democratic People’s Republic of  
 14 Korea, the People’s Republic of China, the Russian  
 15 Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Islamic  
 16 Emirate of Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Myanmar  
 17 (formerly known as “Burma”), Chad, Republic of  
 18 the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Haiti, Laos,  
 19 Libya, Mali, Niger, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South  
 20 Sudan, Sudan, Syria, or Yemen.

21 (5) DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—The term  
 22 “direct financial assistance” means financial assist-  
 23 ance from the Government of the United States that  
 24 is received by an entity selected by the Government  
 25 or a pass-through entity, including any contract,

1 grant, loan, cooperative agreement, or other agree-  
2 ment.

3 (6) ENTITY.—The term “entity” means any  
4 partnership, association, corporation, organization,  
5 or other combination of individuals.

6 (7) INDIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—The  
7 term “indirect financial assistance” means financial  
8 assistance from the Government of the United  
9 States that is received by a service provider which  
10 is paid by means of a voucher, certificate, or other  
11 means of Government-funded payment provided to a  
12 beneficiary who is able to choose a service provider.

13 (8) PASS-THROUGH ENTITY.—The term “pass-  
14 through entity” means any entity, including a non-  
15 profit or nongovernmental organization, acting  
16 under a contract, grant, loan, cooperative agree-  
17 ment, or other agreement with the Government of  
18 the United States or with a State or local govern-  
19 ment in the United States that—

20 (A) accepts direct financial assistance as a  
21 primary recipient or grantee; and

22 (B) distributes such assistance to other or-  
23 ganizations that provide services.

1           (9) PERSON.—The term “person” means any  
 2           individual, partnership, association, corporation, or-  
 3           ganization, or other combination of individuals.

4 **SEC. 2203. RESTRICTION ON UNITED STATES FINANCIAL**  
 5 **ASSISTANCE.**

6           Any entity that is controlled by an agent of a covered  
 7           foreign principal is ineligible to receive direct financial as-  
 8           sistance or indirect financial assistance.

9 **SEC. 2204. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

10          Nothing in this title may be construed to terminate—

11               (1) United States financial assistance to entities  
 12               that are not controlled by an agent of a covered for-  
 13               eign principal; or

14               (2) any foreign assistance (as defined in section  
 15               634(b)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1962 (22  
 16               U.S.C. 2394(b)(1))).

17 **TITLE III—OPPOSING INTER-**  
 18 **NATIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE**  
 19 **TALIBAN**

20 **SEC. 2301. SHORT TITLE.**

21          This title may be cited as the “No Tax Dollars for  
 22          Terrorists Act”.

1 **SEC. 2302. STRATEGY TO OPPOSE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE BY**  
2 **FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND NONGOVERN-**  
3 **MENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO THE TALIBAN.**

4 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the  
5 United States—

6 (1) to oppose the provision of foreign assistance  
7 by foreign countries and nongovernmental organiza-  
8 tions to the Taliban, particularly those countries and  
9 organizations that receive United States-provided  
10 foreign assistance; and

11 (2) to review United States-provided foreign as-  
12 sistance to such foreign countries and nongovern-  
13 mental organizations that have provided foreign as-  
14 sistance to the Taliban.

15 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
16 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall  
17 submit a report to the appropriate congressional commit-  
18 tees that identifies, to the extent possible—

19 (1) foreign countries and nongovernmental or-  
20 ganizations that have provided foreign assistance to  
21 the Taliban, including—

22 (A) the amount of United States-provided  
23 foreign assistance each country or organization  
24 receives, if any;



1 (B) the amount of foreign assistance each  
2 country or organization has provided to the  
3 Taliban; and

4 (C) a description of how the Taliban has  
5 utilized such foreign assistance; and

6 (2) efforts the United States has taken since  
7 August 2021 to oppose foreign countries and non-  
8 governmental organizations from providing foreign  
9 assistance to the Taliban, particularly those foreign  
10 countries and organizations that receive United  
11 States-provided foreign assistance.

12 (c) STRATEGY AND REPORTS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
14 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
15 retary of State shall develop and implement a strat-  
16 egy to discourage foreign countries and nongovern-  
17 mental organizations from providing foreign assist-  
18 ance to the Taliban. The strategy shall include ef-  
19 forts to support Afghan women and girls who are  
20 suffering under Taliban edicts, in a way that does  
21 not support the Taliban.

22 (2) REPORTS.—

23 (A) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than the  
24 date on which the strategy required under para-  
25 graph (1) is completed, the Secretary of State

1 shall submit a report to the appropriate con-  
2 gressional committees detailing the strategy and  
3 a plan for its implementation.

4 (B) SUBSEQUENT REPORTS.—Not later  
5 than 180 days after the date on which the  
6 strategy required under paragraph (1) is com-  
7 pleted, and every 180 days thereafter for the  
8 following 5 years, the Secretary of State shall  
9 submit a report to the appropriate congres-  
10 sional committees describing the implementa-  
11 tion of the strategy, including the impact of the  
12 strategy in discouraging foreign countries and  
13 nongovernmental organizations from providing  
14 financial or material support to the Taliban.

15 (C) ADDITIONAL REPORT.—

16 (i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30  
17 days after the date of the enactment of  
18 this Act, the Secretary of State shall sub-  
19 mit a report to the appropriate congres-  
20 sional committees regarding the decision to  
21 terminate the bounty on Sirajuddin  
22 Haqqani and other key members of the  
23 Haqqani Network under the Rewards for  
24 Justice program.

1 (ii) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The  
2 report required under clause (i) shall in-  
3 clude the following:

4 (I) The status of the bounty on  
5 Sirajuddin Haqqani, Abdul Aziz  
6 Haqqani, and Yahya Haqqani under  
7 the Rewards for Justice program and  
8 the rationale for any changes made  
9 since September 1, 2021.

10 (II) An identification of members  
11 of the Haqqani Network who are Spe-  
12 cially Designated Global Terrorists  
13 and the status of the designation of  
14 the Haqqani Network as a foreign ter-  
15 rorist organization.

16 (III) A description of any United  
17 States Government engagements with  
18 Sirajuddin Haqqani, Abdul Aziz  
19 Haqqani, Yahya Haqqani, or the  
20 Haqqani Network since September 1,  
21 2021.

22 (IV) Whether new information  
23 has emerged relating to the involve-  
24 ment of the Haqqani Network in ter-  
25 rorist attacks targeting the United

1 States Military or United States civil-  
2 ians.

3 (iii) FORM.—The report required  
4 under clause (i) shall be submitted in un-  
5 classified form, but may include a classi-  
6 fied annex.

7 (d) SUSPENSION OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE.—The  
8 Secretary of State shall immediately suspend all foreign  
9 assistance being sent to any country or nongovernmental  
10 organization that has provided assistance to the Taliban,  
11 as determined by the Secretary.

12 **SEC. 2303. REPORT ON DIRECT CASH ASSISTANCE PRO-**  
13 **GRAMS IN AFGHANISTAN.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the  
15 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State  
16 shall submit a report to the appropriate congressional  
17 committees regarding United States Government-funded  
18 direct cash assistance programs in Afghanistan during the  
19 period beginning on August 1, 2021, and ending on the  
20 date that is 30 days after the date of the enactment of  
21 this Act.

22 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report re-  
23 quired under subsection (a) shall, with respect to such di-  
24 rect cash assistance programs, include—

1           (1) a general description of the types of imple-  
2           menting partners and recipients;

3           (2) a description of method of payments;

4           (3) a description of how and where currency ex-  
5           changes occur;

6           (4) a description of how hawalas are used and  
7           the oversight mechanism in place regarding use of  
8           hawalas to transfer funds;

9           (5) concealment of all personally identifiable in-  
10          formation of individuals or groups that received  
11          United States Government-funded direct cash assist-  
12          ance; and

13          (6) a description of how oversight is conducted,  
14          including information on how the Department of  
15          State prevents the Taliban from accessing cash as-  
16          sistance under such programs.

17          (c) **DEFINED TERM.**—In this section, the term  
18          “hawala’ ” means a system of transferring money through  
19          a network of money lending brokers.

20          **SEC. 2304. REPORT ON STATUS OF AFGHAN FUND.**

21          (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 90 days after the  
22          date of the enactment of this Act, and every 180 days  
23          thereafter for the following 5 years, the Secretary of State,  
24          in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, shall

1 submit a report to the appropriate congressional commit-  
2 tees regarding the status of the Afghan Fund.

3 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report re-  
4 quired under subsection (a) shall, to the extent possible,  
5 include—

6 (1) a list of Taliban members working at Da  
7 Afghanistan Bank or serving on the Bank’s board;  
8 and

9 (2) a description of—

10 (A) the Taliban’s influence over Da Af-  
11 ghanistan Bank;

12 (B) the Afghan Fund’s board of trustees,  
13 including how the Fund’s trustees were vetted  
14 and selected, and what United States agencies  
15 were involved in the vetting and selection proc-  
16 ess;

17 (C) the conditions necessary for funds in  
18 the Afghan Fund to be released to Da Afghani-  
19 stan Bank;

20 (D) how the Afghan Fund’s board of trust-  
21 ees will decide on the type and appropriateness  
22 of the Fund’s activities, including what kind of  
23 information will inform the board’s decisions  
24 and how the board will collect and verify this  
25 information; and

1           (E) a description of what controls have  
2           been put into place to ensure funds are not di-  
3           verted to or misused by the Taliban or other ac-  
4           tors when the Fund begins making disburse-  
5           ments.

6           (c) RESCISSION OF FUNDING FOR AFGHAN RECON-  
7           STRUCTION ACTIVITIES FOR DEFICIT REDUCTION PUR-  
8           POSES.—

9           (1) RESCISSION.—There is hereby rescinded all  
10          of the unobligated balances from the amounts appro-  
11          priated or otherwise made available for reconstruc-  
12          tion activities in Afghanistan through any of the fol-  
13          lowing funds, programs, or accounts:

14               (A) The Afghanistan Security Forces Fund  
15               (ASFF).

16               (B) The Economic Support Fund (ESF).

17               (C) International Narcotics Control and  
18               Law Enforcement (INCLE).

19               (D) The Commanders' Emergency Re-  
20               sponse Program (CERP).

21               (E) Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug  
22               Activities (DICDA).

23               (F) Migration and Refugee Assistance  
24               (MRA).

- 1 (G) International Disaster Assistance
- 2 (IDA).
- 3 (H) Non-Proliferation, Antiterrorism,
- 4 Demining, and Related (NADR).
- 5 (I) Commander's Emergency Response
- 6 Program (CERP)
- 7 (J) Afghanistan Infrastructure Fund
- 8 (AIF)
- 9 (K) Development Assistance (DA)
- 10 (L) Task Force for Business and Stability
- 11 Operations (TFBSO)
- 12 (M) Global Health Programs (GHP)
- 13 (N) Contributions to International Organi-
- 14 zations (CIO)
- 15 (O) U.S. Agency for Global Media
- 16 (USAGM)
- 17 (P) U.S. International Development Fi-
- 18 nance Corporation (DFC)
- 19 (Q) Drug Enforcement Administration
- 20 (DEA)
- 21 (R) Educational and Cultural Exchange
- 22 Programs (ECE)
- 23 (S) USAID-Other (Other)
- 24 (T) Commodity Credit Corp (CCC)



1 (U) Human Rights and Democracy Fund  
2 (HRDF)

3 (2) APPROPRIATION.—The amount rescinded  
4 under paragraph (1) shall be transferred to the gen-  
5 eral fund of the Treasury and be applied to deficit  
6 reduction.

7 **SEC. 2305. SENSE OF CONGRESS OPPOSING ACTIVITIES**  
8 **THAT SUPPORT THE TALIBAN OR NORMALIZE**  
9 **DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE TALIBAN.**

10 It is the sense of Congress that the United States  
11 should not normalize diplomatic relations with the Taliban  
12 unless, at a minimum, the Taliban—

13 (1) coordinates with the United States to expel  
14 al-Qaeda and other terrorist groups located in Af-  
15 ghanistan;

16 (2) ceases the taking of United States citizens  
17 as hostages and the wrongful detention or persecu-  
18 tion of Afghans who—

19 (A) worked for, or on behalf of, the United  
20 States;

21 (B) served in the Government or security  
22 forces of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan;  
23 or

24 (C) advocated for good governance or  
25 internationally recognized human rights, includ-

1           ing the rights of women, girls, and minority  
2           groups in Afghanistan;

3           (3) repeals all edicts and policies prohibiting,  
4           and takes demonstrable and consistent action to  
5           support, the education, employment, free movement,  
6           and free expression of women and girls in Afghani-  
7           stan; and

8           (4) repeals all edicts and policies curtailing, and  
9           takes demonstrable and consistent action to support  
10          and respect, the rights of ethnic, religious, and other  
11          minority groups within Afghanistan, including  
12          Hazara communities.

13 **SEC. 2306. DEFINED TERM.**

14          In this title, the term “appropriate congressional  
15 committees’” means—

16           (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the  
17          Senate;

18           (2) the Committee on Appropriations of the  
19          Senate;

20           (3) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the  
21          House of Representatives; and

22           (4) the Committee on Appropriations of the  
23          House of Representatives.

**TITLE IV—STOP SECRET  
SPENDING ACT OF 2026**

**SEC. 2401. SHORT TITLE.**

This title may be cited as the “Stop Secret Spending Act of 2026”.

**SEC. 2402. OTHER TRANSACTION AGREEMENT REPORTING.**

(a) OTHER TRANSACTION AGREEMENTS.—Section 2(a) of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (31 U.S.C. 6101 note) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (4)(A)—

(A) in clause (ii), by adding “or” at the end; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(iii) include other transaction agreements;” and

(2) in paragraph (7)—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “(2)(A)(i)” and inserting “(4)(A)(i)”; and

(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “(2)(A)(ii)” and inserting “(4)(A)(ii)”.

(b) DATA STANDARDS.—Section 4 of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (31 U.S.C. 6101 note) is amended by adding at the end the following:

1       “(e) OTHER TRANSACTION AGREEMENT DATA.—Not  
 2 later than 3 years after the date of enactment of the Stop  
 3 Secret Spending Act of 2026, the Secretary shall ensure  
 4 that, with respect to the website established under section  
 5 2, or any successor website—

6               “(1) data relating to other transaction agree-  
 7 ments is automatically transmitted to the website;;  
 8 and

9               “(2) a centralized view of the data described in  
 10 paragraph (1) is available on the website.”.

11       (c) ANNUAL REPORT ON UNREPORTED FUNDING.—  
 12 Section 2 of the Federal Funding Accountability and  
 13 Transparency Act of 2006 (31 U.S.C. 6101 note) is  
 14 amended by adding at the end the following:

15       “(h) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after  
 16 the date of enactment of the Stop Secret Spending Act  
 17 of 2026, and annually thereafter, the Secretary, in con-  
 18 sultation with the Director, shall post to the website estab-  
 19 lished under this section a report that includes—

20               “(1) the total amount of Federal spending on  
 21 Federal awards for which data has not been posted  
 22 to the website; and

23               “(2) the reason data on the Federal spending  
 24 described in paragraph (1) has not been posted to

1 the website, including whether the Federal spending  
 2 was—

3 “(A) national security-related or classified;

4 “(B) a grant or contract awarded or en-  
 5 tered into by a legislative or judicial branch  
 6 agency; or

7 “(C) a subaward below a primary  
 8 subaward.”.

9 (d) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—

10 (1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

11 (A) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director”  
 12 means the Director of the Office of Manage-  
 13 ment and Budget.

14 (B) RELEVANT AGENCY.—The term “rel-  
 15 evant agency” means a Federal agency (as de-  
 16 fined in section 2(a) of the Federal Funding  
 17 Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006  
 18 (31 U.S.C. 6101 note)) that has the authority  
 19 to enter into an other transaction agreement, as  
 20 determined by the Director.

21 (C) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”  
 22 means the Secretary of the Treasury.

23 (D) USASPENDING.GOV.—The term  
 24 “USAspending.gov” means the website estab-  
 25 lished under section 2 of the Federal Funding

1 Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006  
2 (31 U.S.C. 6101 note).

3 (2) INITIAL COMPILATION.—If the Secretary  
4 has not yet complied with subsection (e) of section  
5 4 of the Federal Funding Accountability and Trans-  
6 parency Act of 2006 (31 U.S.C. 6101 note), as  
7 added by this section, by the date that is 1 year  
8 after the date of enactment of this Act, not later  
9 than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act,  
10 the Secretary, in coordination with the Director and  
11 the heads of relevant agencies, shall publish on  
12 USAspending.gov a report that lists and includes a  
13 detailed description of all other transaction agree-  
14 ments entered into by the relevant agencies for the  
15 fiscal year preceding the fiscal year during which the  
16 report is published.

17 (3) PLAN.—If the Secretary has not yet com-  
18 plied with subsection (e) of section 4 of the Federal  
19 Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of  
20 2006 (31 U.S.C. 6101 note), as added by this sec-  
21 tion, by the date that is 2 years after the date of  
22 enactment of this Act, not later than 2 years after  
23 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in  
24 consultation with the Director and the heads of rel-

1       evant agencies, shall submit to Congress a plan that  
2       includes—

3               (A) the status of including data relating to  
4       other       transaction       agreements       on  
5       USAspending.gov; and

6               (B) actions underway and planned to en-  
7       sure that the data described in subparagraph  
8       (A) is fully incorporated into USAspending.gov  
9       by the date that is 3 years after the date of en-  
10      actment of this Act.

11 **SEC. 2403. OTHER AMENDMENTS.**

12       (a) INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORTS.—Section 6(a) of  
13 the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency  
14 Act of 2006 (31 U.S.C. 6101 note) is amended—

15               (1) in paragraph (1)—

16               (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph  
17       (A), by striking “each Federal agency” and in-  
18       serting “each agency described in paragraph (1)  
19       or (2) of section 901(b) of title 31, United  
20       States Code”;

21               (B) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
22       “Federal agency” and inserting “agency”; and

23               (C) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
24       “Federal agency” and inserting “agency”; and

1 (2) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the  
 2 following:

3 “(2) DEADLINES.—The inspector general of  
 4 each agency described in paragraph (1) or (2) of  
 5 section 901(b) of title 31, United States Code, shall  
 6 submit to Congress and make publicly available a re-  
 7 port described in paragraph (1)(B)—

8 “(A) not later than 1 year after the date  
 9 of enactment of the Stop Secret Spending Act  
 10 of 2026; and

11 “(B) not less than frequently than once  
 12 every 2 years after the date described in sub-  
 13 paragraph (A) until the date that is 10 years  
 14 after the date of enactment of the Stop Secret  
 15 Spending Act of 2026 on the date of submission  
 16 of the report required under section 3521(f) or  
 17 9105(a)(3) of title 31, United States Code, for  
 18 the applicable fiscal year.”.

19 (b) FULL DISCLOSURE OF FEDERAL FUNDS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3 of the Federal  
 21 Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of  
 22 2006 (31 U.S.C. 6101 note) is amended—

23 (A) in subsection (b)—

24 (i) paragraph (1), in the matter pre-  
 25 ceding subparagraph (A), by striking “a



1 Federal agency or component of a Federal  
 2 agency” and inserting “a Federal agency  
 3 or a component of a Federal agency in-  
 4 cluded on the list posted under subsection  
 5 (e)(2)”; and

6 (ii) in paragraph (2)(B), in the matter  
 7 preceding clause (i), by striking “to be  
 8 posted” and inserting “to be posted by a  
 9 Federal agency or a component of a Fed-  
 10 eral agency included on the list posted  
 11 under subsection (e)(2)”; and

12 (B) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(c) QUALITY OF INFORMATION.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary and the Di-  
 15 rector, in consultation with the heads of Federal  
 16 agencies, shall establish requirements to ensure that  
 17 the information to be posted under subsection (b)  
 18 that is posted by a Federal agency or component of  
 19 a Federal agency is complete and accurate.

20 “(2) FEDERAL AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY.—The  
 21 head of each Federal agency or component of a Fed-  
 22 eral agency posting data under subsection (b) shall  
 23 ensure that the data is complete and accurate.

24 “(3) AUTHORITY TO VERIFY ACCURACY.—The  
 25 Secretary and the Director may verify that the data

1 posted under subsection (b) by a Federal agency or  
2 component of a Federal agency are complete, accu-  
3 rate, and consistent.

4 “(d) DISPLAY STANDARDS.—The Secretary, in con-  
5 sultation with the Director, shall ensure that the heads  
6 of Federal agencies that post information under sub-  
7 section (b) comply with display standards established by  
8 the Secretary.

9 “(e) AGENCY REPORTING DETERMINATION.—Not  
10 later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Stop  
11 Secret Spending Act of 2026, and not less frequently than  
12 once every 2 years thereafter, the Secretary, in coordina-  
13 tion with the Director, shall—

14 “(1) assess and make a determination with re-  
15 spect to which Federal agencies and components of  
16 Federal agencies are required to post information  
17 under subsection (b);

18 “(2) publish a list of the Federal agencies and  
19 components of Federal agencies determined under  
20 paragraph (1) on the website established under sec-  
21 tion 2(b)(1); and

22 “(3) provide to the head and inspector general  
23 of each Federal agency or component of a Federal  
24 agency included on the list published under para-  
25 graph (2) written notice of the inclusion of the Fed-

1        eral agency or component of a Federal agency on the  
 2        list.”.

3            (2) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made  
 4        by paragraph (1)(A) shall take effect on the date on  
 5        which the Secretary publishes the first list under  
 6        section 3(e)(2) of the Federal Funding Account-  
 7        ability and Transparency Act of 2006 (31 U.S.C.  
 8        6101 note), as added by paragraph (1).

9        **SEC. 2404. GAO REPORT.**

10       Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment  
 11       of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States  
 12       shall make recommendations for any updates the Comp-  
 13       troller General of the United States determines advisable  
 14       to clause 2.204—10 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation  
 15       with respect to incorporating requirements under the Fed-  
 16       eral Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of  
 17       2006 (31 U.S.C. 6101 note).

18            **DIVISION C—CATCHING**  
 19            **FRAUDSTERS**  
 20            **TITLE I—PREVENTING DEEP**  
 21            **FAKE SCAMS**

22        **SEC. 3101. SHORT TITLE.**

23        This title may be cited as the “Preventing Deep Fake  
 24        Scams Act”.

1 **SEC. 3102. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Artificial intelligence is being used in new  
4 and innovative ways by the financial services sector.

5 (2) Artificial intelligence may provide benefits  
6 to banks, credit unions, and banking consumers.

7 (3) Artificial intelligence poses unique threats  
8 to the safety and security of customer accounts.

9 (4) Voice banking is offered by many banks for  
10 security and convenience reasons.

11 (5) The popularity of social media has made  
12 video and audio of potential targets easier to obtain  
13 for bad actors. These materials can be exploited to  
14 replicate the voices and appearances of other people  
15 in pursuit of data theft, identity theft, or fraud.

16 (6) Bad actors could utilize deep fakes, includ-  
17 ing voice and audio manipulation, to compromise  
18 and access the financial accounts of a consumer.

19 **SEC. 3103. REPORT.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury, in  
21 consultation with the Office of the Comptroller of the Cur-  
22 rency, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Sys-  
23 tem, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Bu-  
24 reau of Consumer Financial Protection, the Financial  
25 Crimes Enforcement Network of the Department of the  
26 Treasury, the National Credit Union Administration, and

1 private-sector stakeholders, shall submit to Congress a re-  
2 port containing the contents described in subsection (c).

3 (b) CONSULTATION.—

4 (1) REQUEST FOR INFORMATION.—Not later  
5 than 90 days after the date of enactment of this  
6 Act, the Secretary of the Treasury shall solicit public  
7 feedback on the report required under subsection  
8 (a).

9 (2) INDUSTRY AND EXPERT STAKEHOLDERS.—  
10 In developing the report required under subsection  
11 (a), the Secretary of the Treasury shall seek out and  
12 consult with industry and expert stakeholders, in-  
13 cluding—

14 (A) depository institutions of varying asset  
15 sizes;

16 (B) credit unions of varying asset sizes;

17 (C) third-party vendors who use artificial  
18 intelligence when providing services to deposi-  
19 tory institutions and credit unions; and

20 (D) artificial intelligence experts.

21 (c) CONTENTS.—The contents of the report described  
22 in this subsection are as follows:

23 (1) A description of how banks and credit  
24 unions proactively protect themselves and consumers  
25 from fraud utilizing artificial intelligence.

1           (2) A list of standard definitions for the dif-  
 2           ferent manners in which artificial intelligence is  
 3           used, including terms like “generative AI”, “ma-  
 4           chine learning”, “natural language processing”, “al-  
 5           gorithmic AI”, and “deep fakes”.

6           (3) A description of potential risks that could  
 7           result from the use of artificial intelligence by bad  
 8           actors to steal data and identities of consumers and  
 9           commit fraud.

10          (4) A list of best practices for financial institu-  
 11          tions to protect their customers from attempts to  
 12          steal data and identities of consumers or commit  
 13          fraud.

14          (5) Legislative and regulatory recommendations  
 15          for the regulation of artificial intelligence and to  
 16          protect consumers from data theft, identity theft,  
 17          and fraud.

## 18                   **TITLE II—SBA FRAUD**

## 19           **ENFORCEMENT EXTENSION ACT**

### 20   **SEC. 3201. SHORT TITLE.**

21          This title may be cited as the “SBA Fraud Enforce-  
 22          ment Extension Act”.

1 **SEC. 3202. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR CERTAIN PRO-**  
2 **GRAMS.**

3 (a) SHUTTERED VENUE OPERATORS.—Section 324  
4 of division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act,  
5 2021 (15 U.S.C. 9009a) is amended by adding at the end  
6 the following:

7 “(g) STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—Notwithstanding  
8 any other provision of law, any criminal prosecution or  
9 civil enforcement action for a violation of, or conspiracy  
10 to violate, section 371, 641, 1001, 1028A, 1029, 1341,  
11 1343, 1349, 1956, or 1957 of title 18, United States  
12 Code, or section 3729 or 3802 of title 31, United States  
13 Code, with respect to any grant for shuttered venue opera-  
14 tors under this section shall be filed not later than 10  
15 years after the date of the violation or conspiracy.”.

16 (b) RESTAURANT REVITALIZATION.—Section 5003 of  
17 the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (15 U.S.C. 9009c)  
18 is amended by adding at the end the following:

19 “(d) STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—Notwithstanding  
20 any other provision of law, any criminal prosecution or  
21 civil enforcement action for a violation of, or conspiracy  
22 to violate, section 371, 641, 1001, 1028A, 1029, 1341,  
23 1343, 1349, 1956, or 1957 of title 18, United States  
24 Code, or section 3729 or 3802 of title 31, United States  
25 Code, with respect to any restaurant revitalization grant

1 under this section shall be filed not later than 10 years  
 2 after the date of the violation or conspiracy.”.

### 3 **TITLE III—RECOVER** 4 **FRAUDULENT COVID FUNDS**

#### 5 **SEC. 3301. SHORT TITLE.**

6 This title may be cited as the “Recover Fraudulent  
 7 COVID Funds Act”.

#### 8 **SEC. 3302. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR VIOLATIONS RE-** 9 **LATING TO PANDEMIC-ERA PROGRAMS.**

10 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

11 (1) the term “pandemic-era law” means—

12 (A) the Coronavirus Preparedness and Re-  
 13 sponse Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020  
 14 (Public Law 116–123; 134 Stat. 146);

15 (B) the Families First Coronavirus Re-  
 16 sponse Act (Public Law 116–127; 134 Stat.  
 17 177);

18 (C) the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136;  
 19 134 Stat. 281);

20 (D) the Paycheck Protection Program and  
 21 Health Care Enhancement Act (Public Law  
 22 116–139; 134 Stat. 620);

23 (E) divisions M and N of the Consolidated  
 24 Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–  
 25 260; 134 Stat. 1182);



1 (F) the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021  
 2 (Public Law 117–2; 135 Stat. 4); or

3 (G) an amendment made by a law de-  
 4 scribed in subparagraphs (A) through (F); and

5 (2) the term “pandemic-era program violation”  
 6 means an offense or other violation of law involving  
 7 conduct that relates to or involves—

8 (A) a program, project, or activity that  
 9 was authorized or established by, or was carried  
 10 out under, a pandemic-era law; or

11 (B) funding provided under a pandemic-  
 12 era law.

13 (b) EXTENSION OF STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—

14 (1) CRIMES.—No person shall be prosecuted,  
 15 tried, or punished for any pandemic-era program  
 16 violation that is a criminal offense unless the indict-  
 17 ment is found or the information is instituted—

18 (A) notwithstanding section 3282(a) of  
 19 title 18, United States Code, within 10 years  
 20 after such offense shall have been committed; or

21 (B) within such longer period of years  
 22 after such offense shall have been committed as  
 23 is otherwise provided by law.

24 (2) TARIFF ACT OF 1930.—Notwithstanding sec-  
 25 tion 621 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C.

1 1621), no civil action, suit, or proceeding for the for-  
2 feiture of property accruing under the customs laws  
3 of the United States related to a pandemic-era pro-  
4 gram violation shall be instituted unless such civil  
5 action, suit, or proceeding is commenced within 10  
6 years after the time when the alleged pandemic-era  
7 program violation was discovered, or within 3 years  
8 after the time when the involvement of the property  
9 in the alleged pandemic-era program violation was  
10 discovered, whichever was later, except that the time  
11 of the absence from the United States of the person  
12 whose property is subject to forfeiture, or of any  
13 concealment or absence of the property, shall not be  
14 reckoned within the 10-year period of limitation.

15 (3) FALSE CLAIMS.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sec-  
17 tion 3731(b)(1) of title 31, United States Code,  
18 a civil action under section 3730 of such title  
19 alleging a violation of section 3729 of such title  
20 that is a pandemic-era program violation may  
21 not be brought more than 10 years after the  
22 date on which the violation was committed.

23 (B) NOTICE.—Notwithstanding section  
24 3808 of title 31, United States Code, a notice  
25 to the person alleged to be liable with respect

1 to a claim or statement that involves a pan-  
 2 demic-era violation shall be mailed or delivered  
 3 in accordance with section 3803(d)(1) of such  
 4 title not later than 10 years after the date on  
 5 which the violation of section 3802 of such title  
 6 is committed.

7 (c) EXCLUSION OF OFFENSES WITH A LAPSED PE-  
 8 RIOD OF LIMITATION.—Subsection (b)(1)(A) shall not  
 9 apply to a pandemic-era program violation that is a crimi-  
 10 nal offense for which, but for the extension under such  
 11 subsection, the date by which an indictment was required  
 12 to be found or an information was required to be instituted  
 13 occurred before the date of enactment of this Act.

## 14 **TITLE IV—FRAUD ALERT** 15 **SYSTEMS**

### 16 **SEC. 3401. SHORT TITLE.**

17 This title may be cited as the “Fraud Alert Systems  
 18 Act”.

### 19 **SEC. 3402. MANDATORY REPORTING AND VERIFICATION OF** 20 **PAYMENT INFORMATION.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 33 of  
 22 title 31, United States Code is amended by adding at the  
 23 end the following:

1 **“§ 3337. Mandatory reporting and verification of pay-**  
 2 **ment information**

3 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 “(1) AGENCY.—The term ‘agency’ means—

5 “(A) an executive agency;

6 “(B) an independent regulatory agency, as  
 7 defined in section 3502 of title 44; or

8 “(C) an entity that—

9 “(i)(I) is the Congress;

10 “(II) is a court of the United States;

11 “(III) is a government of a territory  
 12 or possession of the United States; or

13 “(IV) is the District of Columbia; and

14 “(ii) uses a Treasury disbursement  
 15 system.

16 “(2) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means  
 17 the Secretary of the Treasury.

18 “(3) TREASURY DISBURSEMENT SYSTEM.—The  
 19 term ‘Treasury disbursement system’ means any  
 20 system operated by the Secretary for the purpose of  
 21 disbursing public money.

22 “(b) MANDATORY REPORTING OF PAYMENT INFOR-  
 23 MATION.—For each payment authorized by the head of  
 24 an agency that is submitted to a Treasury disbursement  
 25 system for disbursement by the Secretary, the head of the  
 26 agency shall provide to the Secretary, in such format as

1 the Secretary requires, for inclusion in the Treasury dis-  
2 bursement system—

3 “(1) a brief description of the purpose for  
4 which the payment is being made;

5 “(2) the appropriations account (Treasury Ac-  
6 count Symbol, or any successor thereto) from which  
7 the payment is to be drawn; and

8 “(3) the type of activity being reported (Busi-  
9 ness Event Type Code, or any successor thereto).

10 “(c) PERIODIC UPDATES.—Not less frequently than  
11 once each fiscal year—

12 “(1) for each payment—

13 “(A) the certifying official shall evaluate  
14 whether the information collected under sub-  
15 section (b) is accurate and complete; and

16 “(B) the head of each certifying agency  
17 shall provide written confirmation to the dis-  
18 bursing official attesting to the accuracy of  
19 such information; and

20 “(2) the disbursing official shall consult with  
21 the certifying official to improve the management of  
22 the Treasury disbursement system.

23 “(d) PUBLIC REPORTING.—Not later than 30 days  
24 after the date on which each payment that is subject to  
25 this subchapter is certified, the Director of the Office of

1 Management and Budget shall direct the Secretary, or,  
 2 if the payment is disbursed by an accountable official who  
 3 is not in a position in the Department of the Treasury,  
 4 the head of the agency with jurisdiction over the account-  
 5 able official, to make available on the public website oper-  
 6 ated under the Federal Funding Accountability and  
 7 Transparency Act of 2006 (31 U.S.C. 6101 note) the data  
 8 required to be provided under subsection (b) with respect  
 9 to the payment.”.

10 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of the Treas-  
 11 ury may issue regulations or guidance to implement the  
 12 amendments made by this title.

13 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
 14 tion, or an amendment made by this section, shall be con-  
 15 strued to impose a legal liability on a disbursing official  
 16 resulting from any action taken pursuant to this section,  
 17 or an amendment made by this section.

18 (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
 19 tions for chapter 33 of title 31, United States Code is  
 20 amended by inserting after the item relating to section  
 21 3336 the following:

“3337. Mandatory reporting and verification of payment information.”.

22 **SEC. 3403. DATA ACCESS FOR PURPOSES OF PROGRAM IN-**  
 23 **TEGRITY.**

24 (a) ACCESS TO THE NATIONAL DIRECTORY OF NEW  
 25 HIRES.—Section 453(j) of the Social Security Act (42

1 U.S.C. 653(j)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
2 lowing:

3 “(12) INFORMATION TO ASSIST IN THE PRE-  
4 VENTION OF IMPROPER PAYMENTS.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the  
6 Treasury shall have access to the information in  
7 the National Directory of New Hires for the  
8 purpose of identifying, preventing, and recov-  
9 ering improper payments.

10 “(B) REDISCLOSURE.—For the purpose of  
11 identifying, preventing, and recovering improper  
12 payments, the Secretary of the Treasury may  
13 redisclose information in the National Directory  
14 of New Hires to—

15 “(i) agents and contractors of the  
16 Secretary of the Treasury;

17 “(ii) Federal and non-Federal agen-  
18 cies authorized to receive information in  
19 the National Directory of New Hires di-  
20 rectly from the Secretary; and

21 “(iii) such additional persons and en-  
22 tities as agreed to by the Secretary and the  
23 Secretary of the Treasury.”.

24 (b) ACCESS TO INFORMATION COVERED BY FCRA.—

(1) DEFINITIONS.—Section 603(k)(1) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681a(k)(1)) is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) does not include—

“(i) any change to a Federal disbursement, including the pre-certification termination of such disbursement, that is—

“(I) based on a consumer report;

and

“(II) made to improve the accuracy of the disbursement; or

“(ii) any action taken by an authorized user of the Working System of the Do Not Pay Initiative authorized by section 3354 of title 31, United States Code, in connection with the disbursement of a payment, as defined in section 3351 of that title, that is based on a consumer report.”.

(2) PERMISSIBLE USES OF CONSUMER REPORTS.—Section 604(a) of the Fair Credit Report-



1       ing Act (15 U.S.C. 1681b(a)) is amended by adding  
 2       at the end the following:

3               “(7) To the Secretary of the Treasury for pur-  
 4       poses of assisting Federal and non-Federal entities  
 5       identify, prevent, and recover improper payments,  
 6       including redisclosing information in a consumer re-  
 7       port to—

8               “(A) agents and contractors of the Depart-  
 9       ment of the Treasury; and

10              “(B) Federal and non-Federal entities au-  
 11       thorized to receive such information directly  
 12       from the Secretary.”.

13       (c) PRIVACY-PRESERVING VALIDATION OF SELECT  
 14       TAX INFORMATION.—

15              (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 6103(i) of the Inter-  
 16       nal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at  
 17       the end the following new paragraph:

18              “(9) DO NOT PAY WORKING SYSTEM.—

19              “(A) IN GENERAL.—In response to an in-  
 20       quiry by the Secretary with respect to a specific  
 21       individual, the Commissioner shall provide the  
 22       Secretary with any return information described  
 23       in subparagraph (B) with respect to such indi-  
 24       vidual for the applicable period, in a manner  
 25       which preserves the confidentiality of such in-

1 formation, for the purposes of enhancing the  
2 Do Not Pay working system described in sec-  
3 tion 3354(c) of title 31, United States Code,  
4 which may include disclosing such informa-  
5 tion—

6 “(i) to agents and contractors of the  
7 Department of Treasury who are author-  
8 ized to access the Do Not Pay working  
9 system, and

10 “(ii) other Federal agencies and State  
11 agencies that manage Federally-funded  
12 State-administered programs (including  
13 agents and contractors of such agencies)  
14 who are authorized to access the Do Not  
15 Pay working system,  
16 for purposes of using the Do Not Pay working  
17 system to identify, prevent, and recover im-  
18 proper payments.

19 “(B) RETURN INFORMATION.—The return  
20 information described in this subparagraph is  
21 the following:

22 “(i) Taxpayer identification number.

23 “(ii) Filing status.

24 “(iii) Adjusted gross income.

1 “(iv) Income or loss reported on  
 2 Schedule C of Form 1040 (or successor  
 3 forms).

4 “(v) Filing year.

5 “(vi) Any reported identity theft re-  
 6 lated to the taxpayer identification num-  
 7 ber.

8 “(vii) Whether a tax return was not  
 9 filed for any taxable year.

10 “(C) APPLICABLE PERIOD.—For purposes  
 11 of this paragraph, the term ‘applicable period’  
 12 means, with respect to any individual, the pe-  
 13 riod—

14 “(i) consisting of the number of tax-  
 15 able years specified by the Secretary in the  
 16 inquiry made under subparagraph (A) (but  
 17 not less than 3 taxable years), and

18 “(ii) ending with the most recently  
 19 completed taxable year for which the infor-  
 20 mation described in such subparagraph is  
 21 available.”.

22 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made  
 23 by this subsection shall apply to disclosures made  
 24 after the date of enactment of this Act.

1 (d) ACCESS TO SOCIAL SECURITY INFORMATION.—

2 Title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.)

3 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

4 **“SEC. 235. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION FOR DO NOT PAY**  
 5 **SYSTEM.**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—For the purposes described in  
 7 subsection (b), the Commissioner of Social Security shall,  
 8 upon request of the Secretary of the Treasury, enter into  
 9 an agreement with the Department of the Treasury to reg-  
 10 ularly provide personally identifiable information held by  
 11 the Social Security Administration, which shall, with re-  
 12 spect to any individual, include, at a minimum, the name,  
 13 date of birth, and Social Security number of such indi-  
 14 vidual.

15 “(b) PURPOSES.—Information provided under sub-  
 16 section (a) shall be used solely for purposes of enhancing  
 17 the Do Not Pay working system described in section  
 18 3354(c) of title 31, United States Code, with respect to  
 19 identifying, preventing, and recovering improper pay-  
 20 ments, including fraudulent payments.”.

## 21 **TITLE V—STOPPING TRANSFERS** 22 **OF PUBLIC FUNDS ABROAD**

23 **SEC. 3501. SHORT TITLE.**

24 This title may be cited as the “Stopping Transfers  
 25 of Public Funds Abroad Act”.

1 **SEC. 3502. PROHIBITING INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING PUBLIC**  
2 **ASSISTANCE FROM CONDUCTING REMIT-**  
3 **TANCE TRANSFERS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—

5 (1) ENFORCEMENT.—The head of any Federal  
6 agency responsible for the administration of any  
7 public assistance program shall require any indi-  
8 vidual applying or reapplying for any payment or  
9 other benefit under such program to provide a writ-  
10 ten declaration, under penalty of perjury pursuant to  
11 section 1746 of title 28, United States Code, that  
12 such individual will not transfer any funds through  
13 a remittance transfer during any period in which  
14 such individual receives any payment or other ben-  
15 efit under such program.

16 (2) PENALTY.—Any individual who has pro-  
17 vided a written declaration described in paragraph  
18 (1) and subsequently transferred funds through a  
19 remittance transfer during any period in which such  
20 individual received any payment or other benefit  
21 under the public assistance program to which such  
22 declaration applies shall be subject to a fine of  
23 \$100,000.

24 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

25 (1) PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—The term  
26 “public assistance program” means any program de-

1 scribed in paragraph (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), or (7) of  
 2 section 416.1142(a) of title 20, Code of Federal  
 3 Regulations (as in effect of the date of enactment of  
 4 this Act).

5 (2) REMITTANCE TRANSFER.—The term “re-  
 6 mittance transfer” has the same meaning given such  
 7 term under section 920(g) of the Electronic Fund  
 8 Transfer Act (15 U.S.C. 1693o-1(g)).

9 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply to  
 10 any payment or other benefit under a public assistance  
 11 program which is provided after the date which is 30 days  
 12 after the date of enactment of this Act.

## 13 **TITLE VI—VETERANS SCAM AND** 14 **FRAUD EVASION ACT OF 2026**

### 15 **SEC. 3601. SHORT TITLE.**

16 This title may be cited as the “Veterans Scam And  
 17 Fraud Evasion Act of 2026” or the “VSAFE Act of  
 18 2026”.

### 19 **SEC. 3602. VETERANS SCAM AND FRAUD EVASION OFFICER.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 38, United  
 21 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
 22 lowing new section:

1   **“§ 326. Veterans Scam and Fraud Evasion Officer**

2           “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is in the Veterans Ex-  
3   perience Office of the Department a Veterans Scam and  
4   Fraud Evasion Officer, who shall—

5           “(1) be responsible for fraud and scam preven-  
6   tion, reporting, and incident response plans at the  
7   Department; and

8           “(2) serve as a central point of contact to direct  
9   veterans to resources to prevent and mitigate fraud  
10   and scams.

11          “(b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Veterans Scam and  
12   Fraud Evasion Officer shall carry out the following re-  
13   sponsibilities:

14           “(1) Providing comprehensive communication  
15   from the Secretary to employees of the Department  
16   and veterans, their families, caregivers, and sur-  
17   vivors during strategic and time-sensitive fraud and  
18   scam incidents.

19           “(2) Establishing consistent guidance across  
20   the enterprise for employees as well as veterans,  
21   their families, caregivers, and survivors on how to  
22   identify, report, and avoid fraud and scam attempts.

23           “(3) Promoting the VSAFE Fraud Hotline and  
24   VSAFE.gov website of the Department (and any  
25   successor resources) and identifying other identity  
26   theft resources available to veterans, their families,

1 caregivers, and survivors, including with respect to  
2 actions made by the Secretary to protect the identi-  
3 ties of veterans and their beneficiaries.

4 “(4) Developing methods to monitor fraud and  
5 scam metrics within the Department to—

6 “(A) provide internal and external report-  
7 ing;

8 “(B) enable advanced data analytics; and

9 “(C) facilitate proactive and robust fraud  
10 and scam trend identification.

11 “(5) Developing comprehensive training plans  
12 for Department employees fielding fraud and scam  
13 inquiries and reports.

14 “(6) Coordinating with the Inspector General of  
15 the Department and other Federal departments and  
16 agencies, including the Executive Office of the Presi-  
17 dent, the Office of Management and Budget, the In-  
18 ternal Revenue Service, the Department of Justice,  
19 the Department of State, the Consumer Financial  
20 Protection Bureau, the Department of Defense, the  
21 Department of Education, the Social Security Ad-  
22 ministration, and other relevant agencies to—

23 “(A) develop a whole-of-government view  
24 within the Department to improve fraud pre-  
25 vention efforts within the Department;



1                   “(B) identify the proper avenues for vet-  
 2                   erans to report fraud attempts and receive as-  
 3                   sistance; and

4                   “(C) identify opportunities for coordination  
 5                   with such departments and agencies.

6                   “(7) Consulting with veterans service organiza-  
 7                   tions and State, local, and tribal governments, as  
 8                   necessary, to improve understanding of potential  
 9                   fraud and scam risks to veterans.

10                  “(c) FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES.—Nothing in this sec-  
 11                  tion authorizes an increase in the number of full-time em-  
 12                  ployees otherwise authorized for the Department.

13                  “(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
 14                  tion shall be construed to limit the authority of the Office  
 15                  of Inspector General of the Department as otherwise pro-  
 16                  vided in this title or in chapter 4 of title 5 (commonly  
 17                  referred to as the Inspector General Act of 1978).

18                  “(e) SUNSET.—The requirements and authorities of  
 19                  this section shall terminate on September 30, 2030.”.

20                  (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
 21                  at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding  
 22                  at the end the following new item:

“326. Veterans Scam and Fraud Evasion Officer.”.

1 **TITLE VII—EXPANDING WHIS-**  
 2 **TLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS**  
 3 **FOR CONTRACTORS ACT OF**  
 4 **2026**

5 **SEC. 3701. SHORT TITLE.**

6 This title may be cited as the “Expanding Whistle-  
 7 blower Protections for Contractors Act of 2026”.

8 **SEC. 3702. DEFENSE CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES: PROTEC-**  
 9 **TION FROM REPRISAL FOR DISCLOSURE OF**  
 10 **CERTAIN INFORMATION.**

11 Section 4701 of title 10, United States Code, is  
 12 amended—

13 (1) in subsection (a)—

14 (A) in paragraph (1)—

15 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-  
 16 graph (A)—

17 (I) by striking “An employee”  
 18 and all that follows through “services  
 19 contractor” and inserting “A pro-  
 20 tected individual”; and

21 (II) by striking “disclosing” and  
 22 all that follows through “evidence of”;  
 23 and

1 (ii) by striking subparagraphs (A),  
2 (B), and (C) and inserting the following  
3 subparagraphs:

4 “(A) Refusing to obey an order that would re-  
5 quire the protected individual to violate a law, rule,  
6 or regulation related to any contract, subcontract,  
7 grant, or subgrant.

8 “(B) Disclosing to a person or body described  
9 in paragraph (2) information that the protected indi-  
10 vidual reasonably believes is evidence of the fol-  
11 lowing:

12 “(i) Gross mismanagement of any Depart-  
13 ment of Defense contract or grant, any gross  
14 waste of Department funds, any abuse of au-  
15 thority relating to any Department contract,  
16 subcontract, grant, or subgrant, or any viola-  
17 tion of law, rule, or regulation related to any  
18 Department contract or subcontract (including  
19 the competition for or negotiation of a contract  
20 or subcontract) or grant or subgrant.

21 “(ii) Gross mismanagement of any Na-  
22 tional Aeronautics and Space Administration  
23 contract or grant, any gross waste of Adminis-  
24 tration funds, any abuse of authority relating to  
25 an Administration contract, subcontract, grant,

1 or subgrant, or any violation of law, rule, or  
 2 regulation related to any Administration con-  
 3 tract or subcontract (including the competition  
 4 for or negotiation of a contract or subcontract)  
 5 or grant or subgrant.

6 “(iii) A substantial and specific danger to  
 7 public health or safety.”; and

8 (B) in paragraph (3)—

9 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
 10 “an employee” and inserting “a protected  
 11 individual”; and

12 (ii) by striking subparagraph (B) and  
 13 inserting the following subparagraph:

14 “(B) it shall not be within the authority of an  
 15 executive branch official to request that a con-  
 16 tractor, subcontractor, grantee, or subgrantee en-  
 17 gage in a reprisal prohibited by paragraph (1).”;

18 (2) in subsection (c)—

19 (A) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end  
 20 the following subparagraph:

21 “(E) Propose appropriate disciplinary action  
 22 against any executive branch official for any request  
 23 made of a contractor, subcontractor, grantee, or sub-  
 24 grantee that subjected the complainant to a reprisal  
 25 prohibited by subsection (a).”; and

1 (B) by striking paragraph (7) and insert-  
 2 ing the following paragraph:

3 “(7) The rights, forum, and remedies provided for in  
 4 this section may not be waived by any public or private  
 5 agreement, policy, form, or condition of employment, in-  
 6 cluding by any predispute arbitration agreement.”;

7 (3) by striking subsection (e) and redesignating  
 8 subsections (f) and (g) as subsections (e) and (f), re-  
 9 spectively;

10 (4) in subsection (e), as so redesignated—

11 (A) by striking “an employee” and insert-  
 12 ing “a protected individual”; and

13 (B) by striking “the employee” and insert-  
 14 ing “the protected individual”; and

15 (5) in subsection (f), as so redesignated, by  
 16 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

17 “(8) The term ‘protected individual’ means—

18 “(A) a contractor, subcontractor, grantee,  
 19 or subgrantee of the Department of Defense or  
 20 the National Aeronautics and Space Adminis-  
 21 tration, including—

22 “(i) the government of each of the  
 23 several States, the District of Columbia, an  
 24 Indian tribe or authorized tribal organiza-  
 25 tion, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico,

1           Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Is-  
2           lands, the Commonwealth of the Northern  
3           Mariana Islands, or any other territory or  
4           possession of the United States;

5           “(ii) the government of any political  
6           subdivision of, agency of, or instrumen-  
7           tality of, a government listed in clause (i);  
8           and

9           “(iii) an element of the intelligence  
10          community (as defined in section 3 of the  
11          National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C.  
12          3003)) within the Department of Defense;

13          “(B) an employee of a contractor, subcon-  
14          tractor, grantee, or subgrantee of the Depart-  
15          ment of Defense or the National Aeronautics  
16          and Space Administration, or a former em-  
17          ployee of such contractor, subcontractor, grant-  
18          ee, or subgrantee whose protected disclosure or  
19          engagement in any activity protected against  
20          reprisal under this section occurred prior to ter-  
21          mination, including an employee of—

22          “(i) the government of each of the  
23          several States, the District of Columbia, an  
24          Indian tribe or authorized tribal organiza-  
25          tion, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico,

1           Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Is-  
2           lands, the Commonwealth of the Northern  
3           Mariana Islands, or any other territory or  
4           possession of the United States;

5           “(ii) the government of any political  
6           subdivision of, agency of, or instrumen-  
7           tality of, a government listed in clause (i);  
8           and

9           “(iii) an element of the intelligence  
10          community (as defined in section 3 of the  
11          National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C.  
12          3003)) within the Department of Defense;  
13          or

14          “(C) a person performing personal services  
15          for the Department of Defense or the National  
16          Aeronautics and Space Administration pursuant  
17          to a contractual agreement for the performance  
18          of personal services, including a personal serv-  
19          ices contract or personal services agreement,  
20          and who engages in an activity for which any  
21          reprisal is prohibited under subsection (a), in-  
22          cluding a person performing personal services  
23          pursuant such a contractual agreement for—

24          “(i) the government of each of the  
25          several States, the District of Columbia, an

Indian tribe or authorized tribal organization, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or any other territory or possession of the United States;

“(ii) the government of any political subdivision of, agency of, or instrumentality of, a government listed in clause (i); and

“(iii) an element of the intelligence community (as defined in section 3 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003)) within the Department of Defense.”.

**SEC. 3703. ENHANCEMENT OF NON-DEFENSE CONTRACTOR  
PROTECTION FROM REPRISAL FOR DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION.**

Section 4712 of title 41, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following paragraph:



1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—A protected individual may  
2           not be discharged, demoted, or otherwise discrimi-  
3           nated against as a reprisal for the following:

4                   “(A) Refusing to obey an order that would  
5                   require the protected individual to violate a law,  
6                   rule, or regulation related to any contract, sub-  
7                   contract, grant, or subgrant.

8                   “(B) Disclosing to a person or body de-  
9                   scribed in paragraph (2) information that the  
10                  protected individual reasonably believes is evi-  
11                  dence of the following:

12                           “(i) Gross mismanagement of any  
13                           Federal contract or grant, any gross waste  
14                           of Federal funds, any abuse of authority  
15                           relating to any Federal contract, sub-  
16                           contract, grant, or subgrant, or any viola-  
17                           tion of law, rule, or regulation related to  
18                           any Federal contract or subcontract (in-  
19                           cluding the competition for or negotiation  
20                           of a contract or subcontract) or grant or  
21                           subgrant.

22                           “(ii) A substantial and specific danger  
23                           to public health or safety.”; and  
24                           (B) in paragraph (3)—

1 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
 2 “an employee” and inserting “a protected  
 3 individual”; and

4 (ii) by striking subparagraph (B) and  
 5 inserting the following subparagraph:

6 “(B) it shall not be within the authority of  
 7 an executive branch official to request that a  
 8 contractor, subcontractor, grantee, or sub-  
 9 grantee engage in a reprisal prohibited by para-  
 10 graph (1).”;

11 (2) in subsection (c)—

12 (A) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end  
 13 the following new subparagraph:

14 “(E) Propose appropriate disciplinary ac-  
 15 tion against any executive branch official for  
 16 any request made of a contractor, subcon-  
 17 tractor, grantee, or subgrantee that subjected  
 18 the complainant to a reprisal prohibited by sub-  
 19 section (a).”; and

20 (B) by striking paragraph (7) and insert-  
 21 ing the following paragraph:

22 “(7) RIGHTS, FORUM, AND REMEDIES NOT  
 23 WAIVABLE.—The rights, forum, and remedies pro-  
 24 vided for in this section may not be waived by any  
 25 public or private agreement, policy, form, or condi-

tion of employment, including by any predispute arbitration agreement.”;

(3) in subsection (e)—

(A) by striking “an employee” and inserting “a protected individual”; and

(B) by striking “the employee” and inserting “the protected individual”;

(4) by striking subsection (f) and redesignating subsections (g) and (h) as subsections (f) and (g), respectively; and

(5) in subsection (f), as so redesignated, by inserting after paragraph (2) the following new paragraph:

“(3) The term ‘protected individual’ means—

“(A) a contractor, subcontractor, grantee, or subgrantee of the Federal Government, including—

“(i) the government of each of the several States, the District of Columbia, an Indian tribe or authorized tribal organization, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or any other territory or possession of the United States;

1           “(ii) the government of any political  
2           subdivision of, agency of, or instrumen-  
3           tality of, a government listed in clause (i);  
4           and

5           “(iii) an element of the intelligence  
6           community (as defined in section 3 of the  
7           National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C.  
8           3003));

9           “(B) an employee of a contractor, subcon-  
10          tractor, grantee, or subgrantee of the Federal  
11          Government or a former employee of such con-  
12          tractor, subcontractor, grantee, or subgrantee  
13          whose protected disclosure or engagement in  
14          any activity protected against reprisal under  
15          this section occurred prior to termination, in-  
16          cluding an employee of—

17          “(i) the government of each of the  
18          several States, the District of Columbia, an  
19          Indian tribe or authorized tribal organiza-  
20          tion, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico,  
21          Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Is-  
22          lands, the Commonwealth of the Northern  
23          Mariana Islands, or any other territory or  
24          possession of the United States;

1 “(ii) the government of any political  
2 subdivision of, agency of, or instrumen-  
3 tality of, a government listed in clause (i);  
4 and

5 “(iii) an element of the intelligence  
6 community (as defined in section 3 of the  
7 National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C.  
8 3003)); or

9 “(C) a person performing personal services  
10 for the Federal Government pursuant to a con-  
11 tractual agreement for the performance of per-  
12 sonal services, including a personal services con-  
13 tract or personal services agreement, including  
14 a person performing personal services pursuant  
15 to such a contractual agreement for—

16 “(i) the government of each of the  
17 several States, the District of Columbia, an  
18 Indian tribe or authorized tribal organiza-  
19 tion, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico,  
20 Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Is-  
21 lands, the Commonwealth of the Northern  
22 Mariana Islands, or any other territory or  
23 possession of the United States;

24 “(ii) the government of any political  
25 subdivision of, agency of, or instrumen-

1                   tality of, a government listed in clause (i);  
2                   and  
3                   “(iii) an element of the intelligence  
4                   community (as defined in section 3 of the  
5                   National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C.  
6                   3003)).”.



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