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# S. 4999

To prohibit certain transfers of aircraft provided by the Government of Qatar, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SCHIFF, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Luxury Jet Ethics and  
5       Transparency Act” or the “Luxury JET Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TRANSFERS OF AIR-**  
2 **CRAFT PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENT OF**  
3 **QATAR.**

4 No aircraft provided by the Government of Qatar to  
5 the United States Air Force may be transferred from the  
6 United States executive airlift fleet to any individual or  
7 entity (including a Presidential library), or otherwise made  
8 available, for the personal use of any President, any family  
9 member of a President, or any other associate of a Presi-  
10 dent before or after the Presidential term of that Presi-  
11 dent concludes.

12 **SEC. 3. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE REVIEW**  
13 **OF CERTAIN AIRCRAFT PROVIDED BY GOV-**  
14 **ERNMENT OF QATAR.**

15 (a) REVIEW.—The Comptroller General of the United  
16 States shall conduct a review of the donation of a luxury  
17 aircraft, incorporated into the United States executive air-  
18 lift fleet as the VC-25B Bridge aircraft, from the Govern-  
19 ment of Qatar to the United States Air Force, including  
20 an analysis of the circumstances of the gift, any conflicts  
21 of interest, and the total cost to the United States.

22 (b) ELEMENTS.—The review conducted under sub-  
23 section (a) shall include the following:

24 (1) An analysis of the circumstances sur-  
25 rounding the agreement between the Government of  
26 Qatar and United States for the donation of the air-

1       craft, including an assessment of any conflicts of in-  
2       terest, explicit or implicit conditions, and side agree-  
3       ments, and whether such actions constituted the so-  
4       licitation of a gift.

5           (2) An analysis of the terms of the memo-  
6       randum of understanding signed by United States  
7       and Qatari officials to formalize the donation, in-  
8       cluding an assessment of any conflicts of interest,  
9       explicit or implicit conditions, and side agreements.

10          (3) An accounting of the full monetary value of  
11       the aircraft and associated equipment donated from  
12       the Government of Qatar to the United States Air  
13       Force.

14          (4) An accounting of the full cost to the United  
15       States Government for upgrading and retrofitting  
16       the aircraft for delivery to the executive airlift fleet,  
17       including the cost of modifications, testing, acceler-  
18       ated delivery schedule, and additional aircraft or  
19       other equipment purchased, leased, or used in sup-  
20       port of aircraft delivery, testing, and operation.

21          (5) An analysis of—

22                (A) the funding sources used to pay for the  
23       activities described in paragraph (4); and

24                (B) any impacts on other national security  
25       programs due to diversion of funding, Govern-

1           ment or contractor workforce, or other re-  
2           sources.

3           (6) An analysis of national security concerns re-  
4           lated to the VC-25B Bridge aircraft following the  
5           truncated period of retrofitting, modifying, and test-  
6           ing the aircraft for delivery.

7           (7) A consideration of the legality and constitu-  
8           tionality of the acceptance by the United States Gov-  
9           ernment of this foreign gift under the Foreign  
10          Emoluments Clause of the Constitution of the  
11          United States, section 7342 of title 5, United States  
12          Code, and other related United States statutes.

13          (8) Recommendations for improvements to  
14          United States statute related to accepting foreign  
15          gifts and luxury aircraft to minimize conflicts of in-  
16          terest, corruption, and frivolous use of American  
17          taxpayer dollars for the personal benefit of United  
18          States officials.

19          (c) SUBMISSION OF REPORT.—Not later than 90  
20          days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comp-  
21          troller General of the United States shall submit to the  
22          congressional defense committees a report on the findings  
23          of the review conducted under subsection (a).

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