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To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide criminal penalties for the harassment of victims of Federal offenses by the convicted offenders.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 2001

Mr. CONDIT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Karen Matthews Act
5 of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. PENALTIES FOR HARASSMENT OF VICTIMS OF FED-
7 ERAL OFFENSES.**

8 Section 1513 of title 18, United States Code, is
9 amended by inserting after subsection (b) the following:

1 “(c)(1) Whoever, being convicted of a Federal of-
2 fense, harasses the victim of that offense shall be fined
3 under this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or
4 both.

5 “(2) As used in this subsection, the term ‘harass’ in-
6 cludes the malicious or repeated frivolous filing of legal
7 process or liens against the person or property of the vic-
8 tim.”.

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