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To limit the use of cluster munitions.

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Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 “Cluster Munitions Ci-
5 vilian Protection Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON THE USE OF CLUSTER MUNITIONS.**

7 No funds appropriated or otherwise available to any
8 Federal department or agency may be obligated or ex-
9 pended to use any cluster munitions unless—

5 (2) the policy applicable to the use of such cluster munitions specifies that the cluster munitions
6 will only be used against clearly defined military targets and will not be used where civilians are known
7 to be present or in areas normally inhabited by civilians.
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11 SEC. 3. PRESIDENTIAL WAIVER.

12 The President may waive the requirement under sec-
13 tion 2(1) if, prior to the use of cluster munitions, the
14 President—

15 (1) certifies that it is vital to protect the secu-
16 rity of the United States; and

21 (A) the steps that will be taken to protect
22 civilians; and

23 (B) the failure rate of the cluster munitions that will be used and whether such munitions

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1 tions are fitted with self-destruct or self-deacti-
2 vation devices.

3 SEC. 4. CLEANUP PLAN.

4 Not later than 90 days after any cluster munitions
5 are used by a Federal department or agency, the President
6 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees
7 a plan, prepared by such Federal department or agency,
8 for cleaning up any such cluster munitions and submuni-
9 tions which fail to explode and continue to pose a hazard
10 to civilians.

11 SEC. 5. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-

12 FINED.

13 In this Act, the term “appropriate congressional com-
14 mittees” means the Committee on Foreign Relations, the
15 Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee on Ap-
16 propriations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign
17 Affairs, the Committee on Armed Services, and the Com-
18 mittee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

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