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To require the closure of expired grants accounts, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PETERS of California (for himself and Ms. KUSTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Appropriations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Stop Paying Some-
5 thing for Nothing Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXPIRED GRANT ACCOUNT REPORT.**

7 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Beginning 6 months after
8 the date of the enactment of this Act, not later than
9 March 31 of each year, the Director of the Office of Man-

1 agement and Budget shall submit to the Chairs and Rank-
2 ing Members of the Budget Committees a report that
3 lists—

4 (1) each grant account that is more than 3
5 months past the grant end date; and

6 (2) the total unexpended balance, the amount of
7 obligated but unexpended funds, and the amount of
8 unobligated funds in each such account for each
9 agency.

10 (b) REPORT REQUIRED TO BE PUBLISHED ON OMB
11 WEBSITE.—Not later than 15 days after the report is sub-
12 mitted under subsection (a), the report shall be made pub-
13 lic on the website of the Office of Management and Budg-
14 et, in a searchable, human-readable, and machine readable
15 format.

16 (c) RETURN OF FUNDS.—On the date that the report
17 is submitted under this section, any unobligated amounts
18 in an expired grant account not listed in the report are
19 rescinded and shall be returned to the general fund of the
20 Treasury.

21 **SEC. 3. ACCOUNT CLOSING PROCEDURES.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—

23 (1) CLOSURE.—Not later than 4 months after
24 the date on which a grant account is published
25 under section 2(b), the head of the relevant agency

1 shall close such grant account in the Payment Man-
2 agement System if the final report required by OMB
3 Circular No. A-110 was filed more than 36 months
4 before such date.

5 (2) RETURN OF FUNDS.—On the date that such
6 grant account is closed, the unobligated amounts in
7 such grant account (if any) are rescinded and shall
8 be returned to the general fund of the Treasury.

9 (b) PAYMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.—The head of
10 the relevant agency shall close any grant account in the
11 Payment Management System that has no unexpended
12 balance remaining for the previous six months and, not
13 later than June 15 of each year, submit to the Chairs and
14 Ranking Members of the Budget Committees a report that
15 lists each account closed pursuant to this subsection.

16 (c) AUTOMATED STANDARD APPLICATION FOR PAY-
17 MENTS SYSTEM.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall
18 close any account in the Automated Standard Application
19 for Payments system that has had no unexpended balance
20 remaining for the previous six months. On June 15 of each
21 year, the Secretary of the Treasury shall submit to the
22 Budget Committees a report that lists each account closed
23 pursuant to this subsection and the agency that controlled
24 the account.

1 (d) EXCEPTION TO CLOSURE.—The Director of the
2 Office of Management and Budget may prevent the clo-
3 sure of an account under this Act only after submitting
4 to the Chair and Ranking Member of the Budget Commit-
5 tees a report that describes the reason for not closing such
6 account.

7 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

8 In this Act:

9 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the
10 meaning given that term in section 551 of title 5,
11 United States Code.

12 (2) BUDGET COMMITTEES.—The term “Budget
13 Committees” means the Committee on the Budget of
14 the House of Representatives and the Senate Budget
15 Committee.

16 (3) GRANT ACCOUNT.—The term “grant ac-
17 count” includes any account in—

18 (A) the Payment Management System or
19 the Automated Standard Application for Pay-
20 ments system; or

21 (B) any other system that may be created
22 or administered by the Financial Management
23 System of the Department of the Treasury.

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