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H. R. 8655

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit any individual from holding certain political campaign or fundraising events on Federal property, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 23, 2020

Mr. CICILLINE 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 “White House is Not
5 a Political Prop Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON POLITICAL CAMPAIGN OR FUND-**
2 **RAISING EVENTS ON FEDERAL PROPERTY.**

3 Section 607 of title 18, United States Code, is
4 amended—

5 (1) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(c) PROHIBITION.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful for any
8 officer or employee of the Federal Government, in-
9 cluding the President, Vice President, and any Mem-
10 ber of Congress—

11 “(A) to hold any political campaign event,
12 or otherwise solicit or accept any contribution
13 as defined in section 301 of the Federal Elec-
14 tion Campaign Act of 1971, on or in any Fed-
15 eral property; or

16 “(B) to use any Federal property at such
17 an event or for the purposes of soliciting or ac-
18 cepting any such contribution.

19 “(2) PENALTY.—A person who violates this
20 subsection shall be fined up to \$50,000, imprisoned
21 not more than 5 years, or both.

22 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

23 “(A) the term ‘Federal property’ means
24 any building, land, vehicle (including aircraft),
25 or other real property owned, leased, or occu-
26 pied by any department, agency, or instrumen-

1 tality of the United States (including the White
2 House (except for the Executive Residence), the
3 Department of Defense, the United States
4 Postal Service, or the National Park Service),
5 or any other instrumentality wholly owned by
6 the United States; and

7 “(B) the term ‘political campaign event’
8 means an occasion or gathering of individuals,
9 in person or virtually, the purpose of which, in
10 any material part, is to promote, or solicit or
11 accept funds or contributions for the campaign
12 of, a candidate for election for the office of
13 President, Vice President, or any other Federal
14 office (as such terms are defined in section 301
15 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971).

16 “(4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The prohibi-
17 tion in paragraph (1) shall not apply to the use of
18 any vehicle owned or leased by the Federal Govern-
19 ment for travel to any event so long as such use is
20 not treated as an in-kind contribution under the
21 Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.”; and

22 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “The prohibi-
23 tion in subsection (a)” and inserting “EXCEP-
24 TION.—The prohibitions in subsections (a) and (c)”.

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