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Mr. MCGOVERN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, House Administration, Transportation and Infrastructure, Agriculture, Science, Space, and Technology, Education and Workforce, Foreign Affairs, Intelligence (Permanent Select), Small Business, the Judiciary, Homeland Security, Financial Services, Veterans' Affairs, Ways and Means, Rules, Ethics, Energy and Commerce, the Budget, Oversight and Government Reform, and 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

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## A BILL

To advance policy priorities that will break the gridlock.

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 “Breaking the Gridlock  
5 Act”.

1 **TITLE I—CONGRESSIONAL TIME**  
2 **CAPSULE**

3 **SEC. 101. SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL CONGRESSIONAL TIME**  
4 **CAPSULE.**

5 (a) CREATION BY ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL.—  
6 The Architect of the Capitol shall create a congressional  
7 time capsule, to be known as the “Semiquincentennial  
8 Congressional Time Capsule” (in this title referred to as  
9 the “Time Capsule”).

10 (b) CONTENTS.—

11 (1) DETERMINATION BY CONGRESSIONAL LEAD-  
12 ERSHIP.—The Office of the Speaker of the House of  
13 Representatives, Office of the Minority Leader of the  
14 House of Representatives, Office of the Majority  
15 Leader of the Senate, and Office of the Minority  
16 Leader of the Senate shall jointly determine the con-  
17 tents of the Time Capsule, taking into account the  
18 requirements of paragraph (2).

19 (2) SPECIFICATIONS.—The contents of the  
20 Time Capsule shall include—

21 (A) a representative portion of all books,  
22 manuscripts, miscellaneous printed matter,  
23 memorabilia, relics, and other materials relating  
24 to the United States Semiquincentennial;

1 (B) copies or representations of important  
2 legislative and institutional milestones of Con-  
3 gress during the time before the Time Capsule  
4 is buried;

5 (C) a message from Congress to the future  
6 Congress when the Time Capsule will be  
7 opened; and

8 (D) such other content as the offices de-  
9 scribed in paragraph (1) consider appropriate.

10 (3) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out this sub-  
11 section, the offices described in paragraph (1) may  
12 consult with the Architect of the Capitol, the Sec-  
13 retary of the Smithsonian Institution, and such  
14 other entities of the Federal Government as the of-  
15 fices consider appropriate.

16 (c) DUTIES OF ARCHITECT.—The Architect of the  
17 Capitol shall—

18 (1) prepare the Time Capsule to be sealed and  
19 buried on the West Lawn of the Capitol, at a loca-  
20 tion specified by the Architect, on or before July 4,  
21 2026, at a time which would permit individuals at-  
22 tending this event to also attend the burial of a time  
23 capsule in Independence Mall in Philadelphia, Penn-  
24 sylvania, under section 7(f)(1) of the United States

1       Semiquincentennial Commission Act of 2016 (36  
2       U.S.C. 101 note prec.); and

3             (2) install a plaque to provide such information  
4       about the Time Capsule as the Architect considers  
5       appropriate.

6       (d) UNSEALING.—The Time Capsule shall be sealed  
7       until July 4, 2276, on which date the Speaker of the  
8       House of Representatives shall present the Time Capsule  
9       to the 244th Congress, and such Congress shall determine  
10      how the contents within should be preserved or used.

11      (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
12      are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be  
13      necessary to carry out this title, and any amounts so ap-  
14      propriated shall remain available until expended.

15      **TITLE II—FIRE SUPPRESSION**  
16      **COST SHARE AGREEMENTS**

17      **SEC. 201. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO CERTAIN FIRE**  
18      **SUPPRESSION COST SHARE AGREEMENTS.**

19      (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDARD OPERATING  
20      PROCEDURES.—Not later than 1 year after the date of  
21      the enactment of this section, the Secretaries shall—

22             (1) establish standard operating procedures re-  
23      lating to payment timelines for fire suppression cost  
24      share agreements established under the Act of May

1 27, 1955 (42 U.S.C. 1856a) (commonly known as  
2 the “Reciprocal Fire Protection Act”); and

3 (2) with respect to each fire suppression cost  
4 share agreement in operation on such date—

5 (A) review each such agreement; and

6 (B) modify each agreement as necessary to  
7 comply with the standard operating procedures  
8 required under paragraph (1).

9 (b) ALIGNMENT OF FIRE SUPPRESSION COST SHARE  
10 AGREEMENTS WITH COOPERATIVE FIRE PROTECTION  
11 AGREEMENTS.—The standard operating procedures re-  
12 quired under subsection (a)(1) shall include a requirement  
13 that each fire suppression cost share agreement be aligned  
14 with each of the cooperative fire protection agreements ap-  
15 plicable to the entity subject to such fire suppression cost  
16 share agreement.

17 (c) PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO COST SHARE AGREE-  
18 MENTS.—With respect to payments made pursuant to fire  
19 suppression cost share agreements, the standard operating  
20 procedures required under subsection (a)(1) shall require  
21 that the Federal paying entity reimburse a local fire de-  
22 partment if such fire department submits an invoice in  
23 accordance with cost settlement procedures.

24 (d) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
25 gress that the Secretaries should carry out reciprocal fire

1 suppression cost share agreement repayments to local fire  
2 suppression organizations as soon as practicable after fire  
3 suppression occurs but not later than 1 year after fire sup-  
4 pression occurs.

5 (e) SECRETARIES DEFINED.—In this section, the  
6 term “Secretaries” means—

7 (1) the Secretary of Agriculture;

8 (2) the Secretary of the Interior;

9 (3) the Secretary of Homeland Security; and

10 (4) the Secretary of Defense.

## 11 **TITLE III—UDALL FOUNDATION** 12 **FUNDING**

### 13 **SEC. 301. FUNDING.**

14 Section 13 of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L.  
15 Udall Foundation Act (20 U.S.C. 5609) is amended—

16 (1) by striking “through 2023” each place it  
17 appears and inserting “through 2029”;

18 (2) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “\$1,000”  
19 and inserting “\$5,000”; and

20 (3) in subsection (c), by striking “the fiscal  
21 year in which this subsection is enacted” and insert-  
22 ing “fiscal year 2026”.

1 **TITLE IV—STRATEGY ON BOKO**  
2 **HARAM**

3 **SEC. 401. REGIONAL STRATEGY TO ADDRESS THE THREAT**  
4 **POSED BY BOKO HARAM.**

5 (a) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
8 retary of State and the Secretary of Defense shall  
9 jointly develop and submit to the appropriate com-  
10 mittees of Congress a five-year strategy to help en-  
11 able the Government of Nigeria, members of the  
12 Multinational Joint Task Force to Combat Boko  
13 Haram (MNJTF) authorized by the African Union,  
14 and relevant partners to counter the regional threat  
15 of Boko Haram and assist the Government of Nige-  
16 ria and its neighbors to accept and address legiti-  
17 mate grievances of vulnerable populations in areas  
18 affected by Boko Haram.

19 (2) ELEMENTS.—At a minimum, the strategy  
20 must address the following elements:

21 (A) Enhance, pursuant to existing authori-  
22 ties and restrictions, the institutional capacity,  
23 including military capabilities, of the Govern-  
24 ment of Nigeria and partner nations in the re-

1           gion, as appropriate, to counter the threat  
2           posed by Boko Haram.

3           (B) Provide humanitarian support to civil-  
4           ian populations impacted by Boko Haram's ac-  
5           tivity.

6           (C) Specific activities through which the  
7           United States Government intends to improve  
8           and enhance the capacity of Multinational Joint  
9           Task Force to Combat Boko Haram partner  
10          nations to investigate and prosecute human  
11          rights abuses by security forces and promote re-  
12          spect for the rule of law within the military.

13          (D) A means for assisting Nigeria, and as  
14          appropriate, Multinational Joint Task Force to  
15          Combat Boko Haram nations, to counter vio-  
16          lent extremism, including efforts to address un-  
17          derlying societal factors shown to contribute to  
18          the ability of Boko Haram to radicalize and re-  
19          cruit individuals.

20          (E) A plan to strengthen and promote the  
21          rule of law, including by improving the capacity  
22          of the civilian police and judicial system in Ni-  
23          geria, enhancing public safety, and responding  
24          to crime (including gender-based violence),  
25          while respecting human rights and strength-

1           ening accountability measures, including meas-  
2           ures to prevent corruption.

3           (F) Strengthen the long-term capacity of  
4           the Government of Nigeria to enhance security  
5           for schools such that children are safer and  
6           girls seeking an education are better protected,  
7           and to combat gender-based violence and gen-  
8           der inequality.

9           (G) Identify and develop mechanisms for  
10          coordinating the implementation of the strategy  
11          across the inter-agency and with the Govern-  
12          ment of Nigeria, regional partners, and other  
13          relevant foreign partners.

14          (H) Identify the resources required to  
15          achieve the strategy's objectives.

16          (b) ASSESSMENT.—The Director of National Intel-  
17          ligence shall submit, to the appropriate committees of  
18          Congress, an assessment regarding—

19                (1) the willingness and capability of the Govern-  
20                ment of Nigeria and regional partners to implement  
21                the strategy developed under subsection (a), includ-  
22                ing the capability gaps, if any, of the Government  
23                and military forces of Nigeria that would need to be  
24                addressed to enable the Government of Nigeria and

1 the governments of its partner countries in the re-  
2 gion—

3 (A) to counter the threat of Boko Haram;

4 and

5 (B) to address the legitimate grievances of

6 vulnerable populations in areas affected by

7 Boko Haram; and

8 (2) significant United States intelligence gaps

9 concerning Boko Haram or on the willingness and

10 capacity of the Government of Nigeria and regional

11 partners to implement the strategy developed under

12 subsection (a).

13 (c) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-

14 gress that lack of economic opportunity and access to edu-

15 cation, justice, and other social services contributes to the

16 ability of Boko Haram to radicalize and recruit individ-

17 uals.

18 (d) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-

19 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-

20 tees of Congress” means—

21 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the

22 Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on

23 Appropriations, and the Select Committee on Intel-

24 ligence of the Senate; and

1           (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the  
2           Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on  
3           Appropriations, and the Permanent Select Com-  
4           mittee on Intelligence of the House of Representa-  
5           tives.

6                           **TITLE V—VETERANS**  
7           **INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE**

8   **SEC. 501. REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR VETERANS**  
9                           **INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE.**

10          Section 32(c) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
11   657b(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

12                   “(4) REPORT.—Along with the budget justifica-  
13                   tion documents for the Small Business Administra-  
14                   tion submitted to Congress in connection with the  
15                   budget for a fiscal year submitted under section  
16                   1105 of title 31, United States Code, the Adminis-  
17                   trator shall submit a report—

18                           “(A) discussing the appointments made to  
19                           and activities of the task force; and

20                           “(B) identifying and outlining a plan for  
21                           outreach and promotion of the programs and  
22                           services for veterans, including Veteran Busi-  
23                           ness Outreach Centers, Boots to Business,  
24                           Boots to Business Reboot, Service-Disabled En-  
25                           trepreneurship Development Training Program,

1 Veteran Institute for Procurement, Women Vet-  
2 eran Entrepreneurship Training Program, and  
3 Veteran Women Igniting the Spirit of Entrepre-  
4 neurship.”.

5 **TITLE VI—VETERANS PILOT**  
6 **PROGRAM**

7 **SEC. 601. VETERANS PILOT PROGRAM ON PROMISING RE-**  
8 **TENTION MODELS.**

9 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Attorney General, acting  
10 through the Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance,  
11 shall carry out a pilot program to make grants to eligible  
12 units of local government to improve retention in veterans  
13 treatment court programs (as such term is defined in sec-  
14 tion 2991 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets  
15 Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10651)) and drug court programs.

16 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—In order to be eligible for a grant  
17 under subsection (a), a unit of local government shall op-  
18 erate a veterans treatment court program or a drug court.

19 (c) APPLICATION.—A unit of local government seek-  
20 ing a grant through the pilot program under subsection  
21 (a) shall submit to the Attorney General an application  
22 at such time, in such manner, and containing such infor-  
23 mation as the Attorney General may reasonably require,  
24 including—

1           (1) a description of the therapeutic or treat-  
2           ment modality that the unit of local government  
3           plans to implement and data to support the use of  
4           the therapeutic or treatment modality, including in-  
5           formation showing how the therapeutic or treatment  
6           modality will promote retention in and completion of  
7           veterans treatment court programs and drug court  
8           programs; and

9           (2) detailed plans on how the applicant would  
10          test the efficacy of the therapeutic or treatment mo-  
11          dality.

12          (d) REPORTING METRICS.—Not later than 180 days  
13          after receiving a grant under subsection (a), a unit of local  
14          government shall submit to the Attorney General a report,  
15          which includes demographic information of participants in  
16          the veterans treatment court program, and completion  
17          rates of such participants. The Attorney General shall de-  
18          velop guidelines for the report required under this sub-  
19          section.

## 20           **TITLE VII—TSA COMMUTING** 21           **BENEFITS**

### 22          **SEC. 701. FEASIBILITY STUDY ON TSA COMMUTING BENE-** 23          **FITS.**

24          (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270 days after the  
25          date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of

1 the Transportation Security Administration shall submit  
2 to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of  
3 Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,  
4 Science, and Transportation and the Committee on Home-  
5 land Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a  
6 study on the feasibility of treating as on-duty hours the  
7 time Transportation Security Administration employees  
8 working at airport locations spend traveling between reg-  
9 ular duty locations and airport parking lots and bus and  
10 transit stops.

11 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In conducting the feasibility  
12 study required under subsection (a), the Administrator of  
13 the Transportation Security Administration shall consider  
14 the following with respect to Transportation Security Ad-  
15 ministration employees:

16 (1) The amount of time needed by such employ-  
17 ees to travel between regular duty locations and air-  
18 port parking lots and bus and transit stops at small  
19 hub airports, medium hub airports, and large hub  
20 airports (as such terms are defined in section 40102  
21 of title 49, United States Code).

22 (2) The amount of time such employees spend  
23 commuting, on average, exclusive of the time de-  
24 scribed in paragraph (1).

1           (3) The potential benefits to such employees  
2           and the Administration of treating as on-duty hours  
3           the time described in such paragraph.

4           (4) The feasibility of using mobile phones, loca-  
5           tion data, and any other means to allow such em-  
6           ployees to report their arrival to and departure from  
7           the airport parking lots and bus and transit stops  
8           concerned.

9           (5) The estimated costs of treating as on-duty  
10          hours the time described in such paragraph, includ-  
11          ing by considering such hours creditable as basic pay  
12          for retirement purposes.

13          (6) Other considerations determined appro-  
14          priate by the Administrator.

15       **TITLE VIII—CHINA FINANCIAL**  
16       **THREAT MITIGATION**

17       **SEC. 801. CHINA FINANCIAL THREAT MITIGATION.**

18       (a) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date  
19       of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Treas-  
20       ury, in consultation with the Chairman of the Board of  
21       Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Chairman  
22       of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Chair-  
23       man of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and  
24       the Secretary of State, shall conduct a study and issue  
25       a report on the exposure of the United States to the finan-

1 cial sector of the People’s Republic of China that in-  
2 cludes—

3 (1) an assessment of the effects of reforms to  
4 the financial sector of the People’s Republic of  
5 China on the United States and global financial sys-  
6 tems;

7 (2) a description of the policies the United  
8 States Government is adopting to protect the inter-  
9 ests of the United States while the financial sector  
10 of the People’s Republic of China undergoes such re-  
11 forms;

12 (3) a description and analysis of any risks to  
13 the financial stability of the United States and the  
14 global economy emanating from the People’s Repub-  
15 lic of China; and

16 (4) recommendations for additional actions the  
17 United States Government, including United States  
18 representatives at relevant international organiza-  
19 tions, should take to strengthen international co-  
20 operation to monitor and mitigate such financial sta-  
21 bility risks and protect United States interests.

22 (b) TRANSMISSION OF REPORT.—The Secretary of  
23 the Treasury shall transmit the report required under sub-  
24 section (a) not later than one year after the date of enact-  
25 ment of this Act to the Committees on Financial Services

1 and Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, the  
 2 Committees on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs and  
 3 Foreign Relations of the Senate, and to the United States  
 4 representatives at relevant international organizations, as  
 5 appropriate.

6 (c) CLASSIFICATION OF REPORT.—The report re-  
 7 quired under subsection (a) shall be unclassified, but may  
 8 contain a classified annex.

9 (d) PUBLICATION OF REPORT.—The Secretary of the  
 10 Treasury shall publish the report required under sub-  
 11 section (a) (other than any classified annex) on the  
 12 website of the Department of the Treasury not later than  
 13 one year after the date of enactment of this Act.

14 **TITLE IX—SERVICEMEMBERS’**  
 15 **AND VETERANS’ GROUP LIFE**  
 16 **INSURANCE**

17 **SEC. 901. PERIODIC REVIEW OF AUTOMATIC MAXIMUM**  
 18 **COVERAGE UNDER SERVICEMEMBERS’**  
 19 **GROUP LIFE INSURANCE AND VETERANS’**  
 20 **GROUP LIFE INSURANCE.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 19 of  
 22 title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
 23 end the following new section:

1 **“§ 1980B. Periodic review of automatic maximum cov-**  
2 **erage**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—On January 1, 2026, and every  
4 three years thereafter, the Secretary shall—

5 “(1) complete a review of how the amount spec-  
6 ified in section 1967(a)(3)(A)(i) compares to the  
7 amount described in subsection (b); and

8 “(2) submit to the Committees on Veterans’ Af-  
9 fairs of the House of Representatives and the Senate  
10 the results of the review.

11 “(b) AMOUNT DESCRIBED.—The amount described  
12 in this subsection is the amount equal to—

13 “(1) \$400,000; multiplied by

14 “(2) the percentage of the increase (if any) in  
15 the average of the Consumer Price Index for the fis-  
16 cal year ending during the preceding calendar year  
17 compared to the average of the Consumer Price  
18 Index for fiscal year 2005.

19 “(c) CONSUMER PRICE INDEX DEFINED.—In this  
20 section, the term ‘Consumer Price Index’ means the Con-  
21 sumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by  
22 the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of  
23 Labor.”.

24 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
25 at the beginning of chapter 19 of such title is amended

1 by inserting after the item relating to section 1980A the  
 2 following new item:

“1980B. Periodic review of automatic maximum coverage.”.

3           **TITLE X—RESTORATION OF**  
 4           **AMOUNTS TO VETERANS**

5 **SEC. 1001. RESTORATION OF AMOUNTS IMPROPERLY WITH-**  
 6           **HELD FOR TAX PURPOSES FROM SEVERANCE**  
 7           **PAYMENTS TO VETERANS WITH COMBAT-RE-**  
 8           **LATED INJURIES.**

9           (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 1 year after the  
 10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
 11 shall—

12                   (1) identify—

13                           (A) the severance payments—

14                                   (i) that the Secretary paid after Janu-  
 15                                   ary 17, 1991;

16                                   (ii) that the Secretary computed  
 17                                   under section 1212 of title 10, United  
 18                                   States Code;

19                                   (iii) that were not considered gross in-  
 20                                   come pursuant to section 104(a)(4) of the  
 21                                   Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and

22                                   (iv) from which the Secretary withheld  
 23                                   amounts for tax purposes; and

24                           (B) the individuals to whom such sever-  
 25                           ance payments were made; and

1           (2) with respect to each person identified under  
2 paragraph (1)(B), provide—

3           (A) notice of—

4                 (i) the amount of severance payments  
5                 in paragraph (1)(A) which were improperly  
6                 withheld for tax purposes; and

7                 (ii) such other information determined  
8                 to be necessary by the Secretary of the  
9                 Treasury to carry out the purposes of this  
10                section; and

11           (B) instructions for filing amended tax re-  
12           turns to recover the amounts improperly with-  
13           held for tax purposes.

14           (b) EXTENSION OF LIMITATION ON TIME FOR CRED-  
15 IT OR REFUND.—

16           (1) PERIOD FOR FILING CLAIM.—If a claim for  
17           credit or refund under section 6511(a) of the Inter-  
18           nal Revenue Code of 1986 relates to a specified  
19           overpayment, the 3-year period of limitation pre-  
20           scribed by such subsection shall not expire before  
21           the date which is 1 year after the date the informa-  
22           tion return described in subsection (a)(2) is pro-  
23           vided. The allowable amount of credit or refund of  
24           a specified overpayment shall be determined without

1 regard to the amount of tax paid within the period  
2 provided in section 6511(b)(2).

3 (2) SPECIFIED OVERPAYMENT.—For purposes  
4 of paragraph (1), the term “specified overpayment”  
5 means an overpayment attributable to a severance  
6 payment described in subsection (a)(1).

## 7 **TITLE XI—HEARINGS BY HOUSE** 8 **COMMITTEES**

### 9 **SEC. 1101. HEARINGS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Each standing committee of the  
11 House of Representatives shall hold a hearing on the im-  
12 plementation of this Act within one year of enactment.

13 (b) EXERCISE OF RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.—Sub-  
14 section (a) is enacted—

15 (1) as an exercise of rulemaking power of the  
16 House of Representatives, and, as such, shall be con-  
17 sidered as part of the rules of the House, and such  
18 rules shall supersede any other rule of the House  
19 only to the extent that rule is inconsistent therewith;  
20 and

21 (2) with full recognition of the constitutional  
22 right of either House to change such rules (so far  
23 as relating to the procedure in such House) at any  
24 time, in the same manner, and to the same extent  
25 as in the case of any other rule of the House.

1     **TITLE XII—CODE OF OFFICIAL**  
 2                     **CONDUCT**

3     **SEC. 1201. CODE OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT.**

4             In rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Rep-  
 5     resentatives, strike clause 20 and insert the following:

6             “20. A Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner,  
 7     officer, or employee of the House may not, directly or indi-  
 8     rectly, take any actions to prevent any individual from or  
 9     retaliate against any individual for providing truthful in-  
 10    formation to the Committee on Ethics, the Office of Con-  
 11    gressional Conduct, the Office of Congressional Workplace  
 12    Rights, or any law enforcement official, provided that the  
 13    disclosure of such information is not otherwise prohibited  
 14    by law or House rules.”.

15    **TITLE                     XIII—PROHIBITING**  
 16            **TRANSFER     OF     SENSITIVE**  
 17            **DATA TO FOREIGN ADVER-**  
 18            **SARIES**

19    **SEC. 1301. PROHIBITION ON TRANSFER OF PERSONALLY**  
 20                            **IDENTIFIABLE SENSITIVE DATA OF UNITED**  
 21                            **STATES INDIVIDUALS TO FOREIGN ADVER-**  
 22                            **SARIES.**

23            (a) PROHIBITION.—It shall be unlawful for a data  
 24    broker to sell, license, rent, trade, transfer, release, dis-  
 25    close, provide access to, or otherwise make available per-

1 sonally identifiable sensitive data of a United States indi-  
2 vidual to—

3 (1) any foreign adversary country; or

4 (2) any entity that is controlled by a foreign ad-  
5 versary.

6 (b) ENFORCEMENT BY FEDERAL TRADE COMMIS-  
7 SION.—

8 (1) UNFAIR OR DECEPTIVE ACTS OR PRAC-  
9 TICES.—A violation of this section shall be treated  
10 as a violation of a rule defining an unfair or a de-  
11 ceptive act or practice under section 18(a)(1)(B) of  
12 the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C.  
13 57a(a)(1)(B)).

14 (2) POWERS OF COMMISSION.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall  
16 enforce this section in the same manner, by the  
17 same means, and with the same jurisdiction,  
18 powers, and duties as though all applicable  
19 terms and provisions of the Federal Trade  
20 Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 41 et seq.) were in-  
21 corporated into and made a part of this section.

22 (B) PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES.—Any  
23 person who violates this section shall be subject  
24 to the penalties and entitled to the privileges

1 and immunities provided in the Federal Trade  
2 Commission Act.

3 (3) AUTHORITY PRESERVED.—Nothing in this  
4 section may be construed to limit the authority of  
5 the Commission under any other provision of law.

6 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”  
8 means the Federal Trade Commission.

9 (2) CONTROLLED BY A FOREIGN ADVERSARY.—  
10 The term “controlled by a foreign adversary” means,  
11 with respect to an individual or entity, that such in-  
12 dividual or entity is—

13 (A) a foreign person that is domiciled in,  
14 is headquartered in, has its principal place of  
15 business in, or is organized under the laws of  
16 a foreign adversary country;

17 (B) an entity with respect to which a for-  
18 eign person or combination of foreign persons  
19 described in subparagraph (A) directly or indi-  
20 rectly own at least a 20 percent stake; or

21 (C) a person subject to the direction or  
22 control of a foreign person or entity described  
23 in subparagraph (A) or (B).

24 (3) DATA BROKER.—

1           (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “data  
2 broker” means an entity that, for valuable con-  
3 sideration, sells, licenses, rents, trades, trans-  
4 fers, releases, discloses, provides access to, or  
5 otherwise makes available data of United States  
6 individuals that the entity did not collect di-  
7 rectly from such individuals to another entity  
8 that is not acting as a service provider.

9           (B) EXCLUSION.—The term “data broker”  
10 does not include an entity to the extent such  
11 entity—

12           (i) is transmitting data of a United  
13 States individual, including communica-  
14 tions of such an individual, at the request  
15 or direction of such individual;

16           (ii) is providing, maintaining, or offer-  
17 ing a product or service with respect to  
18 which personally identifiable sensitive data,  
19 or access to such data, is not the product  
20 or service;

21           (iii) is reporting or publishing news or  
22 information that concerns local, national,  
23 or international events or other matters of  
24 public interest;

1 (iv) is reporting, publishing, or other-  
2 wise making available news or information  
3 that is available to the general public—

4 (I) including information from—

5 (aa) a book, magazine, tele-  
6 phone book, or online directory;

7 (bb) a motion picture;

8 (cc) a television, internet, or  
9 radio program;

10 (dd) the news media; or

11 (ee) an internet site that is  
12 available to the general public on  
13 an unrestricted basis; and

14 (II) not including an obscene vis-  
15 ual depiction (as such term is used in  
16 section 1460 of title 18, United States  
17 Code); or

18 (v) is acting as a service provider.

19 (4) FOREIGN ADVERSARY COUNTRY.—The term  
20 “foreign adversary country” means a country speci-  
21 fied in section 4872(d)(2) of title 10, United States  
22 Code.

23 (5) PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE SENSITIVE  
24 DATA.—The term “personally identifiable sensitive  
25 data” means any sensitive data that identifies or is

1 linked or reasonably linkable, alone or in combina-  
2 tion with other data, to an individual or a device  
3 that identifies or is linked or reasonably linkable to  
4 an individual.

5 (6) PRECISE GEOLOCATION INFORMATION.—  
6 The term “precise geolocation information” means  
7 information that—

8 (A) is derived from a device or technology  
9 of an individual; and

10 (B) reveals the past or present physical lo-  
11 cation of an individual or device that identifies  
12 or is linked or reasonably linkable to 1 or more  
13 individuals, with sufficient precision to identify  
14 street level location information of an individual  
15 or device or the location of an individual or de-  
16 vice within a range of 1,850 feet or less.

17 (7) SENSITIVE DATA.—The term “sensitive  
18 data” includes the following:

19 (A) A government-issued identifier, such as  
20 a Social Security number, passport number, or  
21 driver’s license number.

22 (B) Any information that describes or re-  
23 veals the past, present, or future physical  
24 health, mental health, disability, diagnosis, or

1 health care condition or treatment of an indi-  
2 vidual.

3 (C) A financial account number, debit card  
4 number, credit card number, or information  
5 that describes or reveals the income level or  
6 bank account balances of an individual.

7 (D) Biometric information.

8 (E) Genetic information.

9 (F) Precise geolocation information.

10 (G) An individual's private communica-  
11 tions such as voice mails, emails, texts, direct  
12 messages, mail, voice communications, and  
13 video communications, or information identi-  
14 fying the parties to such communications or  
15 pertaining to the transmission of such commu-  
16 nications, including telephone numbers called,  
17 telephone numbers from which calls were  
18 placed, the time calls were made, call duration,  
19 and location information of the parties to the  
20 call.

21 (H) Account or device log-in credentials, or  
22 security or access codes for an account or de-  
23 vice.

24 (I) Information identifying the sexual be-  
25 havior of an individual.

1           (J) Calendar information, address book in-  
2           formation, phone or text logs, photos, audio re-  
3           cordings, or videos, maintained for private use  
4           by an individual, regardless of whether such in-  
5           formation is stored on the individual's device or  
6           is accessible from that device and is backed up  
7           in a separate location.

8           (K) A photograph, film, video recording, or  
9           other similar medium that shows the naked or  
10          undergarment-clad private area of an indi-  
11          vidual.

12          (L) Information revealing the video con-  
13          tent requested or selected by an individual.

14          (M) Information about an individual under  
15          the age of 17.

16          (N) An individual's race, color, ethnicity,  
17          or religion.

18          (O) Information identifying an individual's  
19          online activities over time and across websites  
20          or online services.

21          (P) Information that reveals the status of  
22          an individual as a member of the Armed  
23          Forces.

24          (Q) Any other data that a data broker  
25          sells, licenses, rents, trades, transfers, releases,

1 discloses, provides access to, or otherwise makes  
2 available to a foreign adversary country, or en-  
3 tity that is controlled by a foreign adversary,  
4 for the purpose of identifying the types of data  
5 listed in subparagraphs (A) through (P).

6 (8) SERVICE PROVIDER.—The term “service  
7 provider” means an entity that—

8 (A) collects, processes, or transfers data on  
9 behalf of, and at the direction of—

10 (i) an individual or entity that is not  
11 a foreign adversary country or controlled  
12 by a foreign adversary; or

13 (ii) a Federal, State, Tribal, terri-  
14 torial, or local government entity; and

15 (B) receives data from or on behalf of an  
16 individual or entity described in subparagraph  
17 (A)(i) or a Federal, State, Tribal, territorial, or  
18 local government entity.

19 (9) UNITED STATES INDIVIDUAL.—The term  
20 “United States individual” means a natural person  
21 residing in the United States.

22 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect  
23 on the date that is 60 days after the date of the enactment  
24 of this Act.

1 **TITLE XIV—DETERMINATION OF**  
2 **BUDGETARY EFFECTS**

3 **SEC. 1401. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

4 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of  
5 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go-Act of 2010,  
6 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement  
7 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this  
8 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record  
9 by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, pro-  
10 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the  
11 vote on passage.

12 **TITLE XV—DOMESTICALLY**  
13 **MADE UNITED STATES FLAGS**

14 **SEC. 1501. REQUIREMENT FOR AGENCIES TO BUY DOMESTI-**  
15 **CALLY MADE UNITED STATES FLAGS.**

16 (a) REQUIREMENT FOR AGENCIES TO BUY DOMES-  
17 TICALLY MADE UNITED STATES FLAGS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 63 of title 41,  
19 United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
20 end the following new section:

21 **“§ 6310. Requirement for agencies to buy domesti-**  
22 **cally made United States flags**

23 “(a) REQUIREMENT.—Except as provided in sub-  
24 sections (b) through (d), funds appropriated or otherwise  
25 available to an agency may not be used for the procure-

1 ment of any flag of the United States, unless such flag  
2 has been 100 percent manufactured in the United States  
3 from articles, materials, or supplies that have been grown  
4 or 100 percent produced or manufactured in the United  
5 States.

6 “(b) AVAILABILITY EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a)  
7 does not apply to the extent that the head of the agency  
8 concerned determines that satisfactory quality and suffi-  
9 cient quantity of a flag described in such subsection can-  
10 not be procured as and when needed at United States  
11 market prices.

12 “(c) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN PROCUREMENTS.—  
13 Subsection (a) does not apply to the following:

14 “(1) Procurements by vessels in foreign waters.

15 “(2) Procurements for resale purposes in any  
16 military commissary, military exchange, or non-  
17 appropriated fund instrumentality operated by an  
18 agency.

19 “(3) Procurements for amounts less than the  
20 simplified acquisition threshold.

21 “(d) PRESIDENTIAL WAIVER.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The President may waive  
23 the requirement in subsection (a) if the President  
24 determines a waiver is necessary to comply with any

1 trade agreement to which the United States is a  
2 party.

3 “(2) NOTICE OF WAIVER.—Not later than 30  
4 days after granting a waiver under paragraph (1),  
5 the President shall publish a notice of the waiver in  
6 the Federal Register.

7 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 “(1) AGENCY.—The term ‘agency’ has the  
9 meaning given the term ‘executive agency’ in section  
10 102 of title 40.

11 “(2) SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION THRESHOLD.—  
12 The term ‘simplified acquisition threshold’ has the  
13 meaning given that term in section 134.”.

14 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
15 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended  
16 by adding at the end the following new item:

“6310. Requirement for agencies to buy domestically made United States  
flags.”.

17 (b) APPLICABILITY.—Section 6310 of title 41, United  
18 States Code, as added by subsection (a)(1), shall apply  
19 with respect to any contract entered into on or after the  
20 date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of  
21 this Act.

1     **TITLE XVI—APPROPRIATIONS**

2     **SEC. 1601. APPROPRIATIONS.**

3           The following sums are hereby appropriated, out of  
4 any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,  
5 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for  
6 other purposes, namely:

7           DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN

8                           SERVICES

9                           HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES

10                           ADMINISTRATION

11                           RURAL HEALTH

12           For an additional amount for the Telehealth Re-  
13 source Center of the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy  
14 of the Office for the Advancement of Telehealth, to pro-  
15 vide assistance with respect to technical, legal, regulatory  
16 service delivery or other related barriers to the develop-  
17 ment of telehealth technologies for skilled nursing facilities  
18 (as defined in section 1819 of the Social Security Act) and  
19 nursing facilities (as defined in section 1919 of such Act),  
20 \$1,000,000 to remain available through September 30,  
21 2026.

## 1 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

## 2 EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS

## 3 OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM ANALYSIS

4 For an additional amount for necessary expenses of  
5 the Office of Budget and Program Analysis, \$1,000,000.

## 6 DEPARTMENT OF STATE

## 7 CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND

8 For an additional amount for necessary expenses of  
9 the Capital Investment Fund, as authorized, \$1,000,000,  
10 to remain available until expended.

## 11 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

## 12 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

## 13 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY

14 For an additional amount for expenses, not otherwise  
15 provided for, necessary for the operation and maintenance  
16 of the Army, as authorized by law, \$1,000,000.

## 17 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

18 DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT, INTEL-  
19 LIGENCE, SITUATIONAL AWARENESS, AND  
20 OVERSIGHT

## 21 MANAGEMENT DIRECTORATE

## 22 OPERATIONS AND SUPPORT

23 For an additional amount for necessary expenses of  
24 the Management Directorate for operations and support,  
25 \$1,000,000.

1                   DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
2                   ENERGY PROGRAMS  
3                   ENERGY INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION  
4           For an additional amount for Department of Energy  
5 expenses necessary in carrying out the activities of the En-  
6 ergy Information Administration, \$1,000,000, to remain  
7 available until expended.

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