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H. R. 6261

To amend the Justice for United States Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Act to provide rules for payments to Havlish Settling Judgment Creditors.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 21, 2025

Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. KEAN, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. CARBAJAL, and Mr. PALLONE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ‘‘Fairness for 9/11 Families Technical Fix Act’’.

SEC. 2. UNITED STATES VICTIMS OF STATE SPONSORED TERRORISM FUND PAYMENTS FOR HAVLISH SETTLING JUDGMENT CREDITORS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 404 of the Justice for United States Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Act (34 U.S.C. 20144(e)(2)(B)) is amended—

(1) in subsection (e)(2)(B), by adding at the end the following:

"(vi) EXCEPTION FOR THE HAVLISH SETTLING JUDGMENT CREDITORS.—

"(I) IN GENERAL.—This subsection does not apply with respect to—

"(aa) a Havlish Settling Judgment Creditor who previously elected to participate in the Fund in accordance with clause (iii) or who submitted an application for conditional payment in accordance with clause (iv); or

"(bb) the assets, or the net proceeds of the sale of properties or related assets, attributable to a person described in item (aa).

"(II) RELEASE OF FUNDS HELD IN ESCROW.—All funds allocated to a Havlish Settling Judgement Creditor and withheld from distribution under clause (iv) shall be released and paid to the Havlish Settling Judgement Creditor to whom such withheld funds had been allocated.

"(III) FUTURE PAYMENT ELIGIBILITY.—Each Havlish Settling Judgment Creditor shall be entitled to participate in future rounds of payments in the same manner as all other claimants described in paragraphs (10) through (14) of subsection (j), irrespective of any application for conditional payment submitted under clause (iv)."; and

(2) in subsection (j), by adding at the end the following paragraph:

"(17) HAVLISH SETTLING JUDGMENT CREDITOR.—The term 'Havlish Settling Judgment Creditor' means a plaintiff, an estate or successor in interest thereof, who—

"(A) has an eligible claim under subsection (c) that arises out of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks against the United States; and

"(B) is a Settling Judgment Creditor identified in the Order dated April 16, 2014, in the proceedings captioned In re 650 Fifth Avenue and Related Properties, No. 08–CV–10934 (S.D.N.Y.).".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall take effect as if enacted on December 29, 2022.

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