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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 23, 2025

Mrs. McCLAIN DELANEY (for herself, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mrs. HAYES, and Mrs. GRIJALVA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Kennedy Center Pro-
5 tection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Congress established the National Cultural
4 Center in 1958 to present musical programs, lec-
5 tures, and other arts programs for youth and the el-
6 derly.

7 (2) Our 35th President, John Fitzgerald Ken-
8 nedy was particularly devoted to the advancement of
9 the performing arts within the United States.

10 (3) Congress statutorily renamed the National
11 Cultural Center the “John F. Kennedy Center for
12 the Performing Arts” in 1964 following President
13 Kennedy’s untimely death.

14 (4) On February 7, 2025, President Trump an-
15 nounced his intention to terminate members of the
16 Kennedy Center and appoint himself as chair, an
17 unprecedented action.

18 (5) On December 18, 2025, it was announced
19 that the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy
20 Center for the Performing Arts voted unanimously
21 to rename the Center “The Donald J. Trump and
22 John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts”.

23 (6) Congress itself established the Kennedy
24 Center and its Board of Trustees, and such a vote
25 of the Board is clearly beyond its statutory author-
26 ity.

1 (7) The renaming of any Federal building for
2 a sitting President signals a slide towards
3 authoritarianism.

4 (8) Congress itself retains sole authority to re-
5 name the John F. Kennedy Center for the Per-
6 forming Arts through statute.

7 **SEC. 3. JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING**
8 **ARTS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The reported vote of the Trustees
10 of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
11 on December 18, 2025, renaming the Center as the “Don-
12 ald J. Trump and John F. Kennedy Center for the Per-
13 forming Arts” is hereby void.

14 (b) REMOVAL.—Not later than 1 day after the date
15 of enactment of this Act, the Trustees of the John F. Ken-
16 nedy Center for the Performing Arts shall remove any
17 signage or other identification from the John F. Kennedy
18 Center for the Performing Arts that differs from the des-
19 ignation “John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing
20 Arts”, as designated under section 3 of the John F. Ken-
21 nedy Center Act (20 U.S.C. 76i).

22 (c) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
23 ulation, document, paper, publication, signage, or other
24 record of the United States to the John F. Kennedy Cen-
25 ter for the Performing Arts changed after the vote de-

1 scribed in subsection (a) shall return to the name “John
2 F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts”.

3 (d) RESTRICTION ON BOARD AUTHORITY.—Section
4 5 of the John F. Kennedy Center Act (20 U.S.C. 76k)
5 is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(h) RESTRICTIONS ON BOARD AUTHORITY.—The
7 Board may not undertake any vote or proposal or author-
8 ize any action to rename the John F. Kennedy Center for
9 the Performing Arts.”.

10 (e) REPORTING ON FUNDS USED.—Not later than 30
11 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Trustees
12 of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
13 shall submit to Congress a report detailing any public or
14 private funds used to install, alter, or implement the
15 change in the name of the John F. Kennedy Center for
16 the Performing Arts.

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