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# S. 2776

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

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

Mr. FETTERMAN (for himself and Mr. MCCORMICK) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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

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. JUSTICE FOR UNITED STATES VICTIMS OF**  
4       **STATE SPONSORED TERRORISM.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Justice for United States  
6       Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Act (34 U.S.C.  
7       20144) is amended—

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

1 “(vi) EXCEPTION FOR THE HAVLISH  
2 SETTling JUDGMENT CREDITORS.—

3 “(I) IN GENERAL.—This sub-  
4 section does not apply with respect  
5 to—

6 “(aa) a Havlish Settling  
7 Judgment Creditor who pre-  
8 viously elected to participate in  
9 the Fund in accordance with  
10 clause (iii) or who submitted an  
11 application for conditional pay-  
12 ment in accordance with clause  
13 (iv); or

14 “(bb) the assets, or the net  
15 proceeds of the sale of properties  
16 or related assets, attributable to  
17 a person described in item (aa).

18 “(II) RELEASE OF FUNDS HELD  
19 IN ESCROW.—All funds allocated to a  
20 Havlish Settling Judgment Creditor  
21 and withheld from distribution under  
22 clause (iv) shall be released and paid  
23 to the Havlish Settling Judgment  
24 Creditor to whom such withheld funds  
25 had been allocated.

1 “(III) FUTURE PAYMENT ELIGI-  
 2 BILITY.—Each Havlish Settling Judg-  
 3 ment Creditor shall be entitled to par-  
 4 ticipate in future rounds of payments  
 5 in the same manner as all other  
 6 claimants described in paragraphs  
 7 (10) through (14) of subsection (j), ir-  
 8 respective of any application for con-  
 9 ditional payment submitted under  
 10 clause (iv).”; and

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

13 “(17) HAVLISH SETTTLING JUDGMENT CRED-  
 14 ITOR.—The term ‘Havlish Settling Judgment Cred-  
 15 itor’ means a plaintiff, an estate or successor in in-  
 16 terest thereof, who—

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

20 “(B) is a Settling Judgment Creditor iden-  
 21 tified in the Order dated April 16, 2014, in the  
 22 proceedings captioned In re 650 Fifth Avenue  
 23 and Related Properties, No. 08–CV–10934  
 24 (S.D.N.Y.).”.

1       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
2 subsection (a) shall take effect as if enacted on December  
3 29, 2022.

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