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To amend chapter 4 of title 5, United States Code, to require cooperation with Inspector General requests, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BLUMENTHAL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Fast Action for Lawful
5 Compliance with Oversight Needs Act of 2025” or the
6 “FALCON Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COOPERATION WITH INSPECTOR GENERAL RE-**
 2 **QUESTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 4 of title 5, United
 4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 5 lowing:

6 **“§ 425. Cooperation with Inspector General requests**

7 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 “(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
 9 TEES.—The term ‘appropriate congressional com-
 10 mittees’ means—

11 “(A) the Committee on Homeland Security
 12 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

13 “(B) the Committee on Oversight and Gov-
 14 ernment Reform of the House of Representa-
 15 tives; and

16 “(C) any other relevant congressional com-
 17 mittee or subcommittee of jurisdiction.

18 “(2) COVERED AGENCY.—The term ‘covered
 19 agency’ means the following:

20 “(A) An establishment.

21 “(B) A designated Federal entity, as de-
 22 fined in section 415.

23 “(3) COVERED REQUEST.—The term ‘covered
 24 request’—

1 “(A) means a request for information, ac-
2 cess, or assistance under section 406, including
3 an interview or access for documents; and

4 “(B) does not include a request for—

5 “(i) access to any information with re-
6 spect to which Congress has, in accordance
7 with section 406(a)(1)(B), limited the right
8 of access of the Inspector General;

9 “(ii) information or assistance under
10 paragraph (1) or (3) of section 406(a) that
11 is, in the judgment of an Inspector Gen-
12 eral, reasonably refused or not provided;

13 “(iii) access to any information or as-
14 sistance prohibited by—

15 “(I) the Secretary of Defense
16 pursuant to section 408(b)(2);

17 “(II) the Secretary of Treasury
18 pursuant to section 412;

19 “(III) the Attorney General pur-
20 suant to section 413;

21 “(IV) the Secretary of Homeland
22 Security pursuant to section 417; or

23 “(V) the Secretary of Energy
24 pursuant to section 421; or

25 “(iv) grand jury materials—

1 “(I) that are protected from dis-
2 closure pursuant to rule 6(e) of the
3 Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure;
4 and

5 “(II) with respect to which the
6 Attorney General has not granted the
7 Inspector General access.

8 “(4) INSPECTOR GENERAL.—The term ‘Inspec-
9 tor General’ means an Inspector General of a cov-
10 ered agency.

11 “(b) REQUIREMENT TO COMPLY WITH IG RE-
12 QUESTS.—Any officer or employee of a covered agency (in-
13 cluding the head of such agency and any political ap-
14 pointee of such agency), grant recipient of a covered agen-
15 cy (or any subgrantee thereof at any tier), or contractor
16 of a covered agency (or any subcontractor thereof at any
17 tier) that receives a covered request from an Inspector
18 General shall comply with such request not later than 60
19 days after receiving such request.

20 “(c) APPROPRIATE ADMINISTRATIVE DISCIPLINE.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Any individual or entity de-
22 scribed under subsection (b) that receives a covered
23 request from an Inspector General and fails to com-
24 ply with such request in accordance with such sub-
25 section may be subject to appropriate administrative

1 discipline, including as applicable and when cir-
2 cumstances so warrant—

3 “(A) removal or suspension without pay
4 when the circumstance warrants such discipline;
5 or

6 “(B) an adverse contract action.

7 “(2) LIMITATION.—Any discipline under this
8 subsection—

9 “(A) with respect to an officer, employee,
10 grant recipient, subgrantee, contractor, or sub-
11 contractor shall be at the sole discretion of the
12 head of the covered agency concerned; and

13 “(B) with respect to the head of a covered
14 agency, shall be at the sole discretion of the
15 President.

16 “(d) NOTIFICATION.—

17 “(1) WITH RESPECT TO FAILURE TO COM-
18 PLY.—If an individual or entity described under sub-
19 section (b) receives a covered request from an In-
20 spector General, and the Inspector General deter-
21 mines that the individual or entity failed to comply
22 with such request in accordance with such sub-
23 section, such Inspector General shall, not later than
24 30 days after making such determination, submit to
25 the appropriate congressional committees and the

1 head of such agency a notification regarding such
2 noncompliance.

3 “(2) CONTENTS.—Each notification required by
4 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

5 “(A) With respect to the individual or enti-
6 ty that failed to comply with the request—

7 “(i) the job title of such individual (in
8 the case that the individual is an officer or
9 employee of a covered agency), or the
10 name of the individual or entity (in the
11 case that the individual or entity is a con-
12 tractor, subcontractor, grantee, or sub-
13 grantee); and

14 “(ii) the organizational unit of the
15 agency within which the individual or enti-
16 ty works.

17 “(B) The date on which the request was
18 initially made.

19 “(C) The general subject matter of the in-
20 formation requested.

21 “(3) FORM.—The notification required by para-
22 graph (1) shall be in unclassified form, but may in-
23 clude a classified annex containing additional infor-
24 mation relating to the general subject matter of any
25 information requested.”.

1 (b) DIRECTIVES.—Not later than 30 days after the
 2 date of enactment of this Act, the head of each covered
 3 agency (as such term is defined in section 425 of title 5,
 4 United States Code (as added by subsection (a))) shall
 5 make explicit in writing to all personnel of the agency (and
 6 shall consider updating any agency personnel directives or
 7 policies) to specify, that if any such personnel does not
 8 comply within 60 days with a request for an interview or
 9 access to documents from the Inspector General of the
 10 covered agency in accordance with section 425 of title 5,
 11 United States Code, such personnel may be subject to ap-
 12 propriate administrative discipline (including, as applica-
 13 ble and when circumstances so warrant, suspension with-
 14 out pay or removal or an adverse contract action) under
 15 such section.

16 (c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—The table of sec-
 17 tions for chapter 4 of title 5, United States Code, is
 18 amended by adding at the end the following:

“425. Cooperation with Inspector General requests.”.

