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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. PALLONE, Miss RICE of New York, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. COHEN, Mrs. LOWEY, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mrs. TORRES of California, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. KILMER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. WELCH, Ms. SPEIER, Ms. WATERS, Mr. RUSH, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. ROUDA, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. PANETTA, and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Abuse of the Pardon
5 Prevention Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT RELATING TO CER-**
2 **TAIN PARDONS.**

3 (a) SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION.—In the event
4 that the President grants an individual a pardon for an
5 offense against the United States that arises from an in-
6 vestigation in which the President, or a relative of the
7 President, is a target, subject, or witness, not later than
8 30 days after the date of such pardon, the Attorney Gen-
9 eral shall submit to the chairmen and ranking members
10 of the appropriate congressional committees all materials
11 of an investigation that were obtained by a United States
12 Attorney, another Federal prosecutor, or an investigative
13 authority of the Federal Government, relating to the of-
14 fense for which the individual is so pardoned.

15 (b) TREATMENT OF INFORMATION.—Rule 6(e) of the
16 Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure may not be con-
17 strued to prohibit the disclosure of information required
18 by subsection (a) of this section.

19 (c) APPLICABILITY.—Subsection (a) shall apply with
20 respect to a pardon granted by the President on or after
21 January 20, 2017.

22 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) The term “appropriate congressional com-
24 mittees” means—

1 (A) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
2 House of Representatives and the Committee
3 on the Judiciary of the Senate; and

4 (B) if an investigation relates to intel-
5 ligence or counterintelligence matters, the Per-
6 manent Select Committee on Intelligence of the
7 House of Representatives and the Select Com-
8 mittee on Intelligence of the Senate.

9 (2) The term “pardon” includes a commutation
10 of sentence.

11 (3) The term “relative” has the meaning given
12 that term in section 3110(a) of title 5, United
13 States Code.

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