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H. R. 6624

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

DECEMBER 6, 2023

Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. AMODEI, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. KEAN of New Jersey, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. CARL, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. LEE of Florida, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. LANGWORTHY, Mr. CARBAJAL, and Mr. PALLONE) 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 “Fairness for 9/11
5 Families Technical Fix Act”.

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

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 404 of the Justice for
5 United States Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Act
6 (34 U.S.C. 20144(e)(2)(B)) is amended—

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

9 “(vi) EXCEPTION FOR THE HAVLISH
10 SETTLING JUDGMENT CREDITORS.—

11 “(I) IN GENERAL.—This sub-
12 section does not apply with respect
13 to—

14 “(aa) a Havlish Settling
15 Judgment Creditor who pre-
16 viously elected to participate in
17 the Fund in accordance with
18 clause (iii) or who submitted a
19 claim for conditional payment in
20 accordance with clause (iv); or

21 “(bb) the assets, or the net
22 proceeds of the sale of properties
23 or related assets, attributable to
24 a person described in item (aa).

25 “(II) RELEASE OF FUNDS HELD
26 IN ESCROW.—All funds allocated to a

1 Havlish Settling Judgement Creditor
2 and withheld from distribution under
3 clause (iv) shall be released and paid
4 to the Havlish Settling Judgement
5 Creditor to whom such withheld funds
6 had been allocated.

7 “(III) FUTURE PAYMENT ELIGI-
8 BILITY.—Each Havlish Settling Judg-
9 ment Creditor shall be entitled to par-
10 ticipate in future rounds of payments
11 in the same manner as all other
12 claimants described in paragraphs
13 (10) through (14) of subsection (j), ir-
14 respective of any conditional applica-
15 tion submitted under clause (iv).”;
16 and

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

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

23 “(A) has an eligible claim under subsection
24 (c) that arose out of the September 11, 2001,
25 terrorist attacks against the United States; and

1 “(B) is a Settling Judgment Creditor iden-
2 tified in the Order dated April 16, 2014, in the
3 proceedings captioned In re 650 Fifth Avenue
4 and Related Properties, No. 08-CV-10934
5 (S.D.N.Y.).”

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