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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CICILLINE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

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. PROHIBITIONS ON MAKING CERTAIN CON-**
4 **TRACTS WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR**
5 **RECEIVING FEDERAL FUNDS.**

6 (a) **CONTRACTS WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.—**

1 (1) PROHIBITION.—The following may not
2 enter into or benefit from a contract or agreement
3 with the Federal Government, or any part thereof:

4 (A) The President.

5 (B) The Vice President.

6 (C) An immediate family member of the
7 President.

8 (D) An immediate family member of the
9 Vice President.

10 (E) A covered significant business interest.

11 (2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) does not apply
12 to the following:

13 (A) A contract or agreement with the Fed-
14 eral Government entered into or negotiated be-
15 fore or after the period in which the President
16 or the Vice President, as applicable, serves in
17 office.

18 (B) A contract for employment with the
19 Federal Government or a contract for service in
20 the Armed Forces, or any benefits provided
21 under such employment or service.

22 (b) RECEIPT OF FEDERAL FUNDS.—

23 (1) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in para-
24 graph (2), the Federal Government may not obligate

1 or expend Federal funds with the President, the Vice
2 President, or a covered significant business interest.

3 (2) EXCEPTIONS.—

4 (A) ENTITLEMENTS.—The Federal Gov-
5 ernment may obligate or expend Federal funds
6 the President or the Vice President is entitled
7 to by law for discharging an official duty, in-
8 cluding annual salary.

9 (B) OBLIGATIONS.—Paragraph (1) does
10 not apply to Federal funds obligated or ex-
11 pended before or after the period in which the
12 President or the Vice President, as applicable,
13 serves in office.

14 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act
15 may be construed to limit any payment to the President,
16 the Vice President, an immediate family member of the
17 President or Vice President, or covered significant busi-
18 ness interest of any Federal benefit for which the Presi-
19 dent, the Vice President, an immediate family member of
20 the President or Vice President, or covered significant
21 business interest would otherwise be eligible.

22 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT WITH FEDERAL
24 GOVERNMENT.—The term “contract or agreement
25 with the Federal Government” means a procurement

1 contract or grant, a land use contract, or a lease
2 created, funded, or controlled by the Federal Gov-
3 ernment, respectively.

4 (2) COVERED SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS INTER-
5 EST.—The term “covered significant business inter-
6 est” means any corporation, company, association,
7 firm, partnership, proprietorship, or any other busi-
8 ness entity of which the President, the Vice Presi-
9 dent, an immediate family member of the President,
10 or an immediate family member of the Vice Presi-
11 dent is—

12 (A) a trustee;

13 (B) a partner;

14 (C) an officer;

15 (D) a director; or

16 (E) a shareholder who holds more than 10
17 percent of any class of equity securities.

18 (3) IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER.—The term
19 “immediate family member” means a spouse, par-
20 ent, sibling, child, or dependent relative.

21 (e) APPLICATION.—

22 (1) CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT WITH FEDERAL
23 GOVERNMENT.—The prohibition under subsection
24 (a)(1) applies to contracts or agreements with the

1 Federal Government entered into, revised, or re-
2 newed after the date of the enactment of this Act.

3 (2) FEDERAL FUNDS.—The prohibition under
4 subsection (a)(2) applies to Federal funds obligated
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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