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# H. R. 870

To submit to Congress a report on payments made by the Department of Justice to certain companies, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 8, 2023

Mrs. BOEBERT (for herself, Mrs. LUNA, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. GOSAR, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. BURLISON, Mr. DONALDS, and Mr. CLYDE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “Exposing Lewd Out-  
5 lays for social Networking companies Act” or the “ELON  
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PAYMENTS**  
2 **TO CERTAIN COMPANIES.**

3 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
4 of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the  
5 United States shall submit to the relevant committees a  
6 report on all payments, made by the Department of Jus-  
7 tice during the period beginning on January 1, 2015 and  
8 ending on the date of enactment of this Act, to any of  
9 the following companies:

10 (1) Twitter.

11 (2) Meta.

12 (3) Google.

13 (4) Microsoft Corporation.

14 (5) Apple.

15 (b) MORATORIUM.—Beginning on the date of enact-  
16 ment of this Act and ending on the date that is 1 year  
17 after the date of enactment of this Act, it shall be unlawful  
18 for the Department of Justice to use Federal funds to  
19 make payments to the companies described in subsection  
20 (a), unless such funds are lawfully owed to any such com-  
21 pany.

22 (c) RELEVANT COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this sec-  
23 tion, the term “relevant committees” means—

24 (1) the Committee on the Judiciary of the  
25 House of Representatives;

1           (2) the Committee on Oversight and Account-  
2           ability of the House of Representatives;

3           (3) the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-  
4           ligence of the House of Representatives;

5           (4) the Committee on the Judiciary of the Sen-  
6           ate;

7           (5) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
8           Transportation of the Senate; and

9           (6) the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-  
10          ligence of the Senate.

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