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To authorize the Fallen Journalists Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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 “Fallen Journalists Me-
5 morial Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) ELIGIBLE FEDERAL LAND.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “eligible Fed-
2 eral land” means Federal land depicted as
3 “Area I” or “Area II” on the map numbered
4 869/86501 B and dated June 24, 2003.

5 (B) EXCLUSION.—The term “eligible Fed-
6 eral land” does not include the Reserve (as de-
7 fined in section 8902(a) of title 40, United
8 States Code).

9 (2) FOUNDATION.—The term “Foundation”
10 means the Fallen Journalists Memorial Foundation.

11 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF MEMORIAL TO COMMEMORATE**
12 **THE COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES**
13 **TO A FREE PRESS BY HONORING JOURNAL-**
14 **ISTS WHO HAVE SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES IN**
15 **SERVICE TO THAT CAUSE.**

16 (a) COMMEMORATIVE WORK AUTHORIZED.—The
17 Foundation may establish a commemorative work on eligi-
18 ble Federal land to commemorate the sacrifices made by
19 journalists working as guardians of democracy and for a
20 free and independent press.

21 (b) COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS FOR COMMEMO-
22 RATIVE WORKS.—Chapter 89 of title 40, United States
23 Code, and other applicable Federal laws (including regula-
24 tions) shall apply to the establishment of the commemora-
25 tive work authorized under subsection (a).

1 (c) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS.—
2 The Foundation may not use Federal funds to establish
3 the commemorative work authorized under subsection (a).

4 (d) DEPOSIT OF EXCESS FUNDS.—

5 (1) ON ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMEMORATIVE
6 WORK.—If, on payment of all expenses for the estab-
7 lishment of the commemorative work authorized
8 under subsection (a) (including the maintenance and
9 preservation amounts required by section 8906(b)(1)
10 of title 40, United States Code), there remains a
11 balance of funds received for the establishment of
12 the commemorative work, the Foundation shall
13 transmit the amount of the balance to the account
14 provided for in section 8906(b)(3) of that title.

15 (2) ON EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY TO ESTAB-
16 LISH COMMEMORATIVE WORK.—If, on expiration
17 under section 8903(e) of title 40, United States
18 Code, of the authority for the commemorative work
19 authorized under subsection (a), there remains a
20 balance of funds received for the establishment of
21 the commemorative work, the Foundation shall
22 transmit the amount of the balance to a separate ac-
23 count with the National Park Foundation for memo-
24 rials, to be available to the Secretary of the Interior
25 or Administrator of General Services, as appro-

1 piate, following the process provided in section
2 8906(b)(4) of that title for accounts established
3 under section 8906(b)(3) of that title.

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