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S. 5045

To amend the Justice for United States Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Act to authorize appropriations for catch-up payments from the United States Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Fund.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. MURPHY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 404(d)(4)(C) of the Jus-
8 tice for United States Victims of State Sponsored Ter-

1 rorism Act (34 U.S.C. 20144(d)(4)(C)) is amended by
 2 adding at the end the following:

3 “(iv) AUTHORIZATION.—

4 “(I) IN GENERAL.—The Special
 5 Master shall authorize lump sum
 6 catch-up payments in amounts equal
 7 to the amounts described in sub-
 8 clauses (I), (II), and (III) of clause
 9 (iii).

10 “(II) APPROPRIATIONS.—

11 “(aa) IN GENERAL.—There
 12 are authorized to be appropriated
 13 and there are appropriated to the
 14 Fund such sums as are necessary
 15 to carry out this clause, to re-
 16 main available until expended.

17 “(bb) LIMITATION.—
 18 Amounts appropriated pursuant
 19 to item (aa) may not be used for
 20 a purpose other than to make
 21 lump sum catch-up payments
 22 under this clause.”.

23 (b) EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amounts provided under
 25 the amendments made by subsection (a) are des-

1 ignated as an emergency requirement pursuant to
2 section 4(g) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of
3 2010 (2 U.S.C. 933(g)).

4 (2) DESIGNATION IN THE SENATE AND THE
5 HOUSE.—The amendments made by subsection (a)
6 are designated as an emergency requirement pursu-
7 ant to subsections (a) and (b) of section 4001 of S.
8 Con. Res. 14 (117th Congress), the concurrent reso-
9 lution on the budget for fiscal year 2022.

10 (c) RESCISSION.—Of the unobligated balances of
11 amounts made available under the heading “Small Busi-
12 ness Administration—Business Loans Program Account,
13 CARES Act”, for carrying out paragraphs (36) and (37)
14 of section 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
15 636(a)), \$2,982,000,000 are hereby rescinded.

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