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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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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 “Cabinet Service Integ-  
5 rity Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) CLOSE ASSOCIATE.—The term “close asso-  
9 ciate” means, with respect to a senior foreign polit-

1 ical figure, an individual who is widely and publicly  
2 known to maintain a close relationship with the sen-  
3 ior foreign political figure, unless it is established  
4 that such individual is a citizen of and domiciled  
5 within the United States.

6 (2) COVERED FOREIGN ENTITY.—The term  
7 “covered foreign entity” means—

8 (A) a government of a foreign country;

9 (B) a foreign political party; or

10 (C) any entity that is owned or controlled  
11 by a government of a foreign country or a for-  
12 eign political party.

13 (3) FOREIGN POLITICAL PARTY; GOVERNMENT  
14 OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY.—The terms “foreign polit-  
15 ical party” and “government of a foreign country”  
16 have the meanings given those terms in section 1 of  
17 the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 (22  
18 U.S.C. 611).

19 (4) IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER OF A HEAD  
20 OF A RELEVANT AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT.—The  
21 term “immediate family member of a head of a rel-  
22 evant agency or department” means, with respect to  
23 a head of a relevant agency or department, a sibling,  
24 spouse, or child of the head of a relevant agency or  
25 department.

1           (5) IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER OF A SENIOR  
2 FOREIGN POLITICAL FIGURE.—The term “immediate  
3 family member of a senior foreign political figure”  
4 means, with respect to a senior foreign political fig-  
5 ure, a sibling, spouse, or child of the senior foreign  
6 political figure, unless it is established that such sib-  
7 ling, spouse, or child is a citizen of and domiciled  
8 within the United States.

9           (6) RELEVANT AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT.—The  
10 term “relevant agency or department” means—

11                   (A) the Environmental Protection Agency;

12                   or

13                   (B) an “Executive department”, as defined  
14 in section 101 of title 5, United States Code.

15           (7) SENIOR FOREIGN POLITICAL FIGURE.—The  
16 term “senior foreign political figure” means—

17                   (A) a senior official in any branch of the  
18 government of a foreign country; or

19                   (B) a senior official of a foreign political  
20 party.

21 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION.**

22           During the period in which an individual is acting  
23 as the head of a relevant agency or department, an imme-  
24 diate family member of that head of a relevant agency or

1 department may not solicit or otherwise raise funds for  
2 any purpose from any—

3 (1) covered foreign entity;

4 (2) senior foreign political figure;

5 (3) immediate family member of a senior for-  
6 eign political figure;

7 (4) close associate of a senior foreign political  
8 figure; or

9 (5) entity that is owned or controlled by an in-  
10 dividual described in paragraph (2), (3), or (4).

11 **SEC. 4. PENALTIES.**

12 Whoever knowingly fails to comply with this Act shall  
13 be fined not more than \$1,000,000, imprisoned not more  
14 than 5 years, or both.

15 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

16 This Act shall take effect on the date that is 30 days  
17 after the date of enactment of this Act.

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