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H. R. 3521

To require reimbursement for costs associated with Presidential travel, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 2017

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To require reimbursement for costs associated with Presidential travel, and for other purposes.

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 “Stop Padding Presi-
5 dential Pockets Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) On January 11, 2017, President-Elect
9 Trump announced that management control of his

1 investments and business assets, commonly known
2 as the “Trump Organization,” would be assumed by
3 two of his sons, Donald Trump, Jr., and Eric
4 Trump prior to the Presidential Inauguration.

5 (2) On January 19, 2017, President-Elect
6 Trump transferred all his investments and business
7 assets to the “Donald J. Trump Revocable Trust”
8 whose purpose is to hold assets “for the exclusive
9 benefit of Donald J. Trump”, and as such has not
10 divested his interest in his investments and holdings.

11 (3) Donald Trump, Jr., is a trustee of the trust
12 and, like his brother Eric Trump, serves as an Exec-
13 utive Vice President for the Trump Organization
14 which is held in the trust.

15 (4) Donald Trump, Jr., and Eric Trump and
16 other members of President Trump’s family receive
17 physical protection at all times from the U.S. Secret
18 Service pursuant to section 3056, title 18, United
19 States Code.

20 (5) Since President Trump’s election, Donald
21 Trump, Jr., and Eric Trump have regularly traveled
22 domestically and overseas in pursuit of the Trump
23 Organization’s business interests and to promote the
24 Trump brand.

1 (6) Each overseas trip taken by a U.S. Secret
2 Service protectee requires the Service to incur sig-
3 nificant costs, including travel, lodging, and costs as-
4 sociated with coordinating with local security enti-
5 ties, embassies, and other overseas partners.

6 (7) Each such overseas trip may require other
7 Government agencies, such as the Department of
8 State, to incur significant additional costs associated
9 with security and logistics.

10 (8) In January 2017, Eric Trump, on behalf of
11 the Trump Organization, traveled to Uruguay to at-
12 tend meetings and a party.

13 (9) In February 2017, Eric Trump, on behalf
14 of the Trump Organization, traveled to the Domini-
15 can Republic to visit a resort project.

16 (10) In February 2017, Donald Trump, Jr.,
17 and Eric Trump, on behalf of the Trump Organiza-
18 tion, traveled to the United Arab Emirates to attend
19 a golf course ribbon-cutting ceremony.

20 (11) In February 2017, Donald Trump, Jr.,
21 and Eric Trump, on behalf of the Trump Organiza-
22 tion, traveled to Canada to attend a hotel grand
23 opening.

24 (12) In April 2017, Eric Trump, on behalf of
25 the Trump Organization, traveled to the United

1 Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland to attend busi-
2 ness meetings at a golf course.

3 (13) Additionally, since receiving Secret Service
4 protection, Donald Trump, Jr., and Eric Trump
5 have traveled domestically on a frequent and regular
6 basis on behalf of the Trump Organization.

7 (14) On February 3, 2017, the Washington
8 Post reported that for just Eric Trump's January
9 2017 Uruguayan trip, hotel costs to the Federal
10 Government were \$97,830.

11 (15) On July 12, 2017, the Washington Post
12 reported that for the Trump family's February 2017
13 trip to Canada, the Department of State alone spent
14 more than \$15,000 to book hotel rooms at the
15 Trump Hotel in Vancouver.

16 (16) The Federal Government does not receive
17 reimbursement for costs incurred to the Federal
18 Government associated with protecting members of
19 the President's immediate family while on domestic
20 or overseas travel on behalf of the Trump Organiza-
21 tion.

22 **SEC. 3. REIMBURSEMENT REQUIRED.**

23 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in the
24 case of a person whom the United States Secret Service
25 is authorized to protect under paragraph (1) or (2) of sec-

1 tion 3056(a) of title 18, United States Code, if that person
2 travels domestically or internationally in furtherance of
3 the business interests of an entity owned by or controlled
4 by the President of the United States, or from which the
5 President of the United States receives any financial ben-
6 efit, that person shall reimburse to the Treasury—

7 (1) amount expended by the United States Se-
8 cret Service for the provision of such protection; and

9 (2) any amount expended for other costs in-
10 curred by the Government pertaining to that travel.

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