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# H. R. 5480

To restore protections for Social Security, Railroad retirement, and Black Lung benefits from administrative offset.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRIJALVA (for himself, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. TLAIB, and Mr. TRONE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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

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## A BILL

To restore protections for Social Security, Railroad retirement, and Black Lung benefits from administrative offset.

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 “Protection of Social  
5 Security Benefits Restoration Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROTECTING SOCIAL SECURITY, RAILROAD RE-**  
2 **TIREMENT, AND BLACK LUNG BENEFITS**  
3 **FROM ADMINISTRATIVE OFFSET.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION ON ADMINISTRATIVE OFFSET AU-  
5 THORITY.—

6 (1) ASSIGNMENT UNDER SOCIAL SECURITY  
7 ACT.—Section 207 of the Social Security Act (42  
8 U.S.C. 407) is amended by adding at the end the  
9 following new subsection:

10 “(d) Subparagraphs (A), (C), and (D) of section  
11 3716(c)(3) of title 31, United States Code, as such sub-  
12 paragraphs were in effect on the date before the date of  
13 enactment of the Protection of Social Security Benefits  
14 Restoration Act, shall be null and void and of no effect.”.

15 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

16 (A) Section 14(a) of the Railroad Retire-  
17 ment Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C. 231m(a)) is  
18 amended by adding at the end the following: “.  
19 The provisions of section 207(d) of the Social  
20 Security Act shall apply with respect to this  
21 title to the same extent as they apply in the  
22 case of title II of such Act.”.

23 (B) Section 2(e) of the Railroad Unem-  
24 ployment Insurance Act (45 U.S.C. 352(e)) is  
25 amended by adding at the end the following:  
26 “The provisions of section 207(d) of the Social

1 Security Act shall apply with respect to this  
2 title to the same extent as they apply in the  
3 case of title II of such Act.”

4 (b) REPEAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFSET AUTHOR-  
5 ITY.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (3) of section  
7 3716(e) of title 31, United States Code, is amend-  
8 ed—

9 (A) by striking “(3)(A)(i) Notwith-  
10 standing” and all that follows through “any  
11 overpayment under such program).”;

12 (B) by striking subparagraphs (C) and  
13 (D); and

14 (C) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as  
15 paragraph (3).

16 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Paragraph (5)  
17 of such section is amended by striking “the Commis-  
18 sioner of Social Security and”.

19 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
20 this section shall apply to any collection by administrative  
21 offset occurring on or after the date of enactment of this  
22 Act of a claim arising before, on, or after the date of en-  
23 actment of this Act.

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