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H. R. 5495

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 12, 2018

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY (for himself and Mr. TED LIEU of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Congressional Over-
3 sight Needed For Likely Illicit and Corrupt Transactions
4 Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. NOTIFICATION OF RECUSAL.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the Ethics in Govern-
7 ment Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App. 101 et seq.) is amended
8 by adding after section 111 the following:

9 **“§ 112. Recusal for conflicts of interest**

10 “(a) An officer or employee of the Executive Office
11 of the President or the White House who is recused from
12 a particular matter by operation of section 208 of title
13 18, United States Code, shall, not later than 10 business
14 days after such recusal, provide notification (in writing)
15 of such recusal and the specific reasons for the recusal
16 to—

17 “(1) the Director of the Office of Government
18 Ethics;

19 “(2) the Committee on Oversight and Govern-
20 ment Reform of the House of Representatives; and

21 “(3) the Committee on Homeland Security and
22 Governmental Affairs of the Senate.

23 “(b) With respect to any instance in which an officer
24 or employee of the Executive Office of the President or
25 the White House notifies the designated agency ethics offi-
26 cial of a future particular matter that may require recusal

1 under section 208 of title 18, United States Code, the offi-
2 cer or employee shall provide a report to the entities listed
3 in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of subsection (a) that de-
4 scribes—

5 “(1) the particular matter;

6 “(2) whether the designated agency ethics offi-
7 cial advised the officer or employee that the officer
8 or employee should not participate in the particular
9 matter; and

10 “(3) whether the particular matter occurred.”.

11 (b) APPLICATION.—The amendment made by sub-
12 section (a) shall apply to any recusal pursuant to section
13 208 of title 18, United States Code, occurring on or after
14 the date of enactment of this Act.

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