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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. TENNEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Oversight and Accountability

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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 “Requiring Officials and  
5 Bureaucrats to Expediently Relinquish Testimony and  
6 Meaningful Answers about Lawbreaking and Locked out

1 Employees Yesterday Act” or the “ROBERT MALLEY  
2 Act”.

3 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

4 It is the sense of Congress that—

5 (1) the Government of the United States must  
6 be transparent with the American people and with  
7 Congress;

8 (2) the executive branch should never obstruct  
9 the right of Congress to investigate and conduct  
10 oversight;

11 (3) individuals that conspire with State Spon-  
12 sors of Terror or foreign terrorist organizations  
13 should be held accountable to the fullest extent of  
14 the law; and

15 (4) individuals that knowingly hire, or attempt  
16 to convince others to hire, intelligence assets for for-  
17 eign nations are guilty of treason.

18 **SEC. 3. FURLOUGH AND INDEFINITE SUSPENSION EXPLA-  
19 NATIONS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 15 days after the  
21 head of an executive agency receives a request from the  
22 Chairman or Ranking Member of an appropriate congres-  
23 sional committee for an explanation why an employee of  
24 such executive agency was furloughed or suspended indefi-  
25 nitely without pay, such head of an executive agency shall

1 submit to the Chairman or Ranking Member making such  
2 request an explanation of the reasoning for such employee  
3 being furloughed or suspended indefinitely without pay,  
4 including any relevant information and evidence collected  
5 in the course of an investigation prior to intervention by  
6 a law enforcement agency.

7 (b) EXCLUSIONS.—Subsection (a) shall not apply  
8 with respect to employees—

9 (1) suspended or furloughed pursuant to an ac-  
10 tion initiated under section 1215 of title 5, United  
11 States Code; or

12 (2) furloughed as a result of a lapse in appro-  
13 priations.

14 (c) FORM.—An explanation required by subsection  
15 (a) shall be in an unclassified form, but may contain a  
16 classified annex.

17 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
19 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
20 mittees” means—

21 (A) the Committees of the Senate and  
22 House of Representatives with jurisdiction over  
23 the executive agency;

1           (B) the Committee on Oversight and Ac-  
2           countability of the House of Representatives;  
3           and

4           (C) the Committee on Homeland Security  
5           and Governmental Affairs of the Senate.

6           (2) EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The term “executive  
7           agency” has the meaning given such term in section  
8           105 of title 5, United States Code.

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