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To amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for transparency of payments made from the Judgment Fund.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Mrs. FISCHER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Judgment Fund
5 Transparency and Terrorism Financing Prevention Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. JUDGMENT FUND TRANSPARENCY.**

7 (a) **TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENT.**—Section 1304
8 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by adding at
9 the end the following:

1 “(d)(1) Unless the disclosure of such information is
2 otherwise prohibited by law or court order, the Secretary
3 of the Treasury shall make available to the public on a
4 website, as soon as practicable, but not later than 30 days
5 after the date on which a payment under this section is
6 tendered on or after January 1, 2016, the following infor-
7 mation with regard to that payment:

8 “(A) The name of the specific agency or entity
9 whose actions gave rise to the claim or judgment.

10 “(B) The name of the plaintiff or claimant.

11 “(C) The name of counsel for the plaintiff or
12 claimant.

13 “(D) The amount paid representing principal li-
14 ability, and any amounts paid representing any an-
15 cillary liability, including attorney fees, costs, and
16 interest.

17 “(E) A brief description of the facts that gave
18 rise to the claim.

19 “(F) The name of the agency that submitted
20 the claim.

21 “(2) In addition to the information described in para-
22 graph (1), if a payment under this section is made to a
23 foreign state on or after January 1, 2016, the Secretary
24 of the Treasury shall make available to the public in ac-

1 cordance with paragraph (1), the following information
2 with regard to that payment:

3 “(A) A description of the method of payment.

4 “(B) A description of the currency denomina-
5 tions used for the payment.

6 “(C) The name and location of each financial
7 institution owned or controlled, directly or indirectly,
8 by a foreign state or an agent of a foreign state
9 through which the payment passed or from which
10 the payment was withdrawn, including any financial
11 institution owned or controlled, directly or indirectly,
12 by a foreign state or an agent of a foreign state that
13 is holding the payment as of the date on which the
14 information is made available.

15 “(3) For a payment made during the period begin-
16 ning on January 1, 2016, and ending on the date of enact-
17 ment of this subsection, the Secretary of the Treasury
18 shall make available to the public the information required
19 under paragraphs (1) and (2) with regard to that payment
20 not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this
21 section.

22 “(4) In this subsection, the term ‘foreign state’ has
23 the meaning given the term in section 1603 of title 28.

1 “(e) No payment may be made under this section to
2 a state sponsor of terrorism, as defined in section
3 1605A(h) of title 28.”.

4 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of the Treas-
5 ury shall implement the amendment made by this section
6 beginning not later than 60 days after the date of enact-
7 ment of this Act.

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