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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 “Government Account-
3 ability Act of 1996”.

4 **SEC. 2. RESTORATION OF FALSE STATEMENT PENALTIES.**

5 Section 1001 of title 18, United States Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 **“§ 1001. Statements or entries generally**

8 “(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section,
9 whoever, in any matter within the jurisdiction of the exec-
10 utive, legislative, or judicial branch of the Government of
11 the United States, knowingly and willfully—

12 “(1) falsifies, conceals, or covers up by any
13 trick, scheme, or device a material fact;

14 “(2) makes any materially false, fictitious, or
15 fraudulent statement or representation; or

16 “(3) makes or uses any false writing or docu-
17 ment knowing the same to contain any materially
18 false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry;

19 shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than
20 5 years, or both.

21 “(b) Subsection (a) does not apply—

22 “(1) to a party to a judicial proceeding, or that
23 party’s counsel, for statements, representations,
24 writings or documents submitted by such party or
25 counsel to a judge in that proceeding; or

26 “(2) to—

1 “(A) any non-administrative matter; or
2 “(B) any investigative matter, other than
3 with respect to a person furnishing information
4 pursuant to a duly authorized investigation;
5 within the jurisdiction of an entity within the legisla-
6 tive branch.”.

Passed the House of Representatives July 17, 1996.

Attest:

Clerk.