111TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION **S. 1064**

To amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to provide for enhanced State and local oversight of activities conducted under such Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 18, 2009

Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BURRIS, and Mrs. McCASKILL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 "Enhanced Oversight
- 5 of State and Local Economic Recovery Act".

| 1 | SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNDING FOR STATE AND |
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| 2 | LOCAL OVERSIGHT UNDER AMERICAN RE- |
| 3 | COVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009. |
| 4 | (a) FEDERAL AGENCY REQUIREMENT.—Section |
| 5 | 1552 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of |
| 6 | 2009 (Public Law 111–5; 123 Stat. 297) is amended— |
| 7 | (1) by inserting "(a) Federal Agency Re- |
| 8 | QUIREMENT.—" before "Federal agencies receiving"; |
| 9 | (2) by striking "may," and all that follows |
| 10 | through "reasonably" and inserting "shall, subject |
| 11 | to guidance from the Director of the Office of Man- |
| 12 | agement and Budget,"; and |
| 13 | (3) by striking "data collection requirements" |
| 14 | and inserting "data collection requirements, audit- |
| 15 | ing, contract and grant planning and management, |
| 16 | and investigations of waste, fraud, and abuse". |
| 17 | (b) STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY.— |
| 18 | Such section is further amended by adding at the end the |
| 19 | following: |
| 20 | "(b) STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHOR- |
| 21 | ITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, State |
| 22 | and local governments receiving funds under this Act may |
| 23 | set aside an amount up to 0.5 percent of such funds, in |
| 24 | addition to any funds already allocated to administrative |
| 25 | expenditures, to conduct planning and oversight to prevent |

and detect waste, fraud, and abuse.".

(c) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
 The heading for section 1552 of such Act is amended to
 read as follows:

4 "SEC. 1552. FUNDING FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT 5 OVERSIGHT.".

6 SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION FOR ACQUISITION BY STATE AND 7 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THROUGH FEDERAL 8 SUPPLY SCHEDULES.

9 Section 502 of title 40, United States Code, is10 amended by adding at the end the following:

11 "(e) Use of Supply Schedules for Economic12 Recovery.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator may
provide for the use by State or local governments of
Federal supply schedules of the General Services Administration for goods or services that are funded by
the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of
2009 (Public Law 111–5).

"(2) VOLUNTARY USE.—In the case of the use
by a State or local government of a Federal supply
schedule under paragraph (1), participation by a
firm that sells to the Federal Government through
the supply schedule shall be voluntary with respect
to a sale to the State or local government through
such supply schedule.

"(3) DEFINITIONS.—The definitions in sub section (c)(3) shall apply for purposes of this sub section.".

4 SEC. 4. DEFINITION OF JOBS CREATED AND JOBS RE-5 TAINED.

6 Section 1512(g) of the American Recovery and Rein-7 vestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–5; 123 Stat. 288) 8 is amended by adding at the end "The Director of the 9 Office of Management and Budget shall issue guidance to 10 ensure accurate and consistent reporting of 'jobs created' 11 and 'jobs retained' as those terms are used in subsection 12 (c)(3)(D).".

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