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To define advisors often characterized as Czars and to provide that appropriated funds may not be used to pay for any salaries and expenses associated with such advisors.

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Mr. SCALISE (for himself, Mr. OLSON, Mr. GARRETT, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. CARTER, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Ms. JENKINS, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. JONES, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, and Mr. PITTS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

To define advisors often characterized as Czars and to provide that appropriated funds may not be used to pay for any salaries and expenses associated with such advisors.

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 at the “Sunset All Czars Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this Act:

1 (1) CZAR.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “Czar”
3 means a head of any task force, council, policy
4 office within the Executive Office of the Presi-
5 dent, or similar office established by or at the
6 direction of the President who—

7 (i) is appointed to such position (other
8 than on an interim basis) without the ad-
9 vice and consent of the Senate;

10 (ii) is excepted from the competitive
11 service by reason of such position’s con-
12 fidential, policy-determining, policy-mak-
13 ing, or policy-advocating character;

14 (iii) performs or delegates functions
15 which (but for the establishment of such
16 task force, council, policy office within the
17 Executive Office of the President, or simi-
18 lar office) would be performed or delegated
19 by an individual in a position that the
20 President appoints by and with the advice
21 and consent of the Senate, including indi-
22 viduals such as policy advisors who are re-
23 sponsible for interagency development or
24 coordination of any rule, regulation, or pol-
25 icy; and

1 (iv) does not have an existing removal
2 date established at the direction of the
3 President or through an authorization of
4 Congress.

5 (B) EXCLUSION FROM DEFINITION OF
6 CZAR.—Such term does not include individuals
7 who, before the date of the enactment of this
8 Act, were serving in the position of Assistant
9 Secretary, or an equivalent position, that re-
10 quires confirmation by and with the advice and
11 consent of the Senate, or a designee.

12 (2) COMPETITIVE SERVICE.—The term “com-
13 petitive service” has the same meaning as is given
14 such term in section 2102 of title 5, United States
15 Code.

16 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Appropriated funds may not be
18 used to pay for any salaries or expenses of any task force,
19 council, policy office within the Executive Office of the
20 President, or similar office—

21 (1) that is established by or at the direction of
22 the President; and

23 (2) the head of which is a Czar.

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