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# H. R. 5063

To limit donations made pursuant to settlement agreements to which the United States is a party, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 26, 2016

Mr. GOODLATTE (for himself, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. MARINO, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. ISSA, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. LABRADOR, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California, Mr. BUCK, Mr. RATCLIFFE, Mr. TROTT, Mr. BISHOP of Michigan, and Mr. DUFFY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Stop Settlement Slush  
5 Funds Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON DONATIONS MADE PURSUANT TO**  
2 **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS TO WHICH THE**  
3 **UNITED STATES IS A PARTY.**

4 (a) **LIMITATION ON REQUIRED DONATIONS.**—An of-  
5 ficial or agent of the Government may not enter into a  
6 settlement agreement on behalf of the United States, or  
7 enforce such a settlement agreement, if that agreement  
8 includes a term requiring that any donation be made to  
9 any person by any party (other than the United States)  
10 to such agreement.

11 (b) **PENALTY.**—Any official or agent of the Govern-  
12 ment who violates subsection (a), shall be subject to the  
13 same penalties that would apply in the case of a violation  
14 of section 3302 of title 31, United States Code.

15 (c) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

16 (1) **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.**—The term  
17 “settlement agreement” means a settlement agree-  
18 ment resolving a civil action or potential civil action.

19 (2) **DONATION.**—The term “donation” does not  
20 include any payment by a party to provide restituti-  
21 on for or otherwise remedy the actual harm (in-  
22 cluding to the environment), directly and proxi-  
23 mately caused by the alleged conduct of the party,  
24 that is the basis for the settlement agreement.

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