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# S. 3050

To limit donations made pursuant to settlement agreements to which the United States is a party.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 10, 2016

Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. LEE, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. CORNYN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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”.

6 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON DONATIONS MADE PURSUANT TO**  
7 **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS TO WHICH THE**  
8 **UNITED STATES IS A PARTY.**

9 (a) **LIMITATION ON REQUIRED DONATIONS.**—An of-  
10 ficial or agent of the Government may not enter into or

1 enforce any settlement agreement on behalf of the United  
2 States, directing or providing for a payment to any person  
3 or entity other than the United States, other than a pay-  
4 ment that provides restitution for or otherwise directly  
5 remedies actual harm (including to the environment) di-  
6 rectly and proximately caused by the party making the  
7 payment, or constitutes payment for services rendered in  
8 connection with the case.

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

13 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsections (a) and (b)  
14 apply only in the case of a settlement agreement concluded  
15 on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

16 (d) DEFINITION.—The term “settlement agreement”  
17 means a settlement agreement resolving a civil action or  
18 potential civil action.

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