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# H. R. 2414

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TED LIEU of California (for himself and Mr. NADLER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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 Waste And Mis-  
5 use by the President Act of 2017” or as the “SWAMP  
6 Act of 2017”.

7       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8       The Congress finds as follows:

1           (1) Presidential travel to commercial entities  
2 owned in whole or in part by the President or First  
3 Family results in the American taxpayer effectively  
4 subsidizing the President's businesses.

5           (2) Given current expenditures, President  
6 Trump is on track to spend more during his first  
7 year of office than all eight years of the Obama ad-  
8 ministration combined.

9           (3) It is unacceptable for the President to  
10 maintain an interest in traveling to properties in  
11 which he has a direct financial interest, as the U.S.  
12 Government is responsible for renting space for per-  
13 sonnel in said private commercial entities.

14           (4) Every time the President travels to Mar-a-  
15 Lago, he necessarily promotes his private business  
16 interests via free press at the Government's expense.

17           (5) The State Department's recent promotion  
18 of Mar-a-Lago on its official website raises serious  
19 ethics concerns.

20           (6) As of April 14, 2017, President Trump has  
21 cost the U.S. taxpayer unprecedented amounts of  
22 money, including the following estimated costs:

23                   (A) For trips to Mar-a-Lago:

24                           (i) Total cost for security in Palm  
25 Beach: \$3,700,000 (each trip).

1 (ii) Roundtrip flights from Joint Base  
2 Andrews, Maryland, to West Palm, Flor-  
3 ida: \$700,000.

4 (iii) Overtime for local law enforce-  
5 ment during Trump’s trips: \$60,000/day.

6 (iv) Total golf cart rentals ordered by  
7 the Secret Service “for POTUS visit”:  
8 \$35,185.

9 (v) Estimated loss of business due to  
10 airport closure: \$30,000/weekend.

11 (B) For Trump Tower:

12 (i) Request for additional Secret Serv-  
13 ice funding to secure Trump Towers:  
14 \$60,000,000.

15 (ii) New York Police Department se-  
16 curity costs: \$127,000–\$146,000/day.

17 (iii) “Elevator services” ordered by  
18 the Secret Service: \$64,000.

19 (iv) Air Force One flights to New  
20 York City: \$180,000/hour.

21 (7) The proposed 2017 Federal spending bill in-  
22 cludes reimbursements for millions of dollars spent  
23 by Florida and New York to protect the President  
24 and First Family, and facilitate their travel. While

1       localities should be reimbursed, the taxpayer should  
2       not be responsible for said reimbursement.

3       **SEC. 3. REIMBURSAL FOR COSTS OF PROTECTION.**

4       In the case of a person whom the United States Se-  
5       cret Service is authorized to protect under paragraph (1)  
6       or (2) of section 3056(a) of title 18, United States Code,  
7       if that person, while traveling for official business or for  
8       personal purposes, stays in a hotel or other establishment  
9       providing daily-rate accommodation in which that person  
10      has an ownership or financial interest, that person shall  
11      reimburse to the Treasury—

12               (1) any amount expended by the United States  
13      Secret Service for the provision of such protection;  
14      and

15               (2) any amount expended for other costs in-  
16      curred by the Government pertaining to that stay.

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