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H. R. 2456

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 16, 2017

Ms. JAYAPAL (for herself and Mr. RASKIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Safeguarding Govern-
5 ment from Foreign Corruption Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AFFIRMING THE APPLICATION OF THE FEDERAL**
2 **BRIBERY AND ILLEGAL GRATUITY STATUTE**
3 **TO PERSONS RESIDING AND TO ACTS OCCUR-**
4 **RING ABROAD.**

5 Section 201 of title 18, United States Code, is
6 amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(f) A person, regardless of the country of his or her
8 citizenship, may be convicted under this section of an of-
9 fense committed by his or her own conduct or the conduct
10 of another for which he or she is legally accountable if—

11 “(1) either the conduct that is an element of
12 the offense or the result that is such an element oc-
13 curs within the United States;

14 “(2) conduct occurring outside the United
15 States is sufficient under the law of the United
16 States to constitute an attempt to commit an offense
17 within the United States; or

18 “(3) conduct occurring outside the United
19 States is sufficient under the law of the United
20 States to constitute a conspiracy to commit an of-
21 fense within the United States and an overt act in
22 furtherance of such conspiracy occurs within the
23 United States.”.

1 **SEC. 3. VIOLATIONS.**

2 A violation of this Act shall constitute a high crime
3 and misdemeanor for the purposes of article II, section
4 4 of the Constitution of the United States.

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