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and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DOGGETT (for himself, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. BASS, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. DEFazio, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. MOORE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. TITUS, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. GARAMENDI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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from office, and for other purposes.

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 “Special Counsel Re-
5 porting Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT OF A SPECIAL COUNSEL WHO IS REMOVED**
2 **FROM OFFICE.**

3 (a) PERIODIC REPORT OF A SPECIAL COUNSEL TO
4 CONGRESS.—A person serving as a Special Counsel ap-
5 pointed in accordance with part 600 of title 28 of the Code
6 of Federal Regulations shall submit a report on the status
7 of the investigation that person was appointed to under-
8 take, at such times and to the extent the Special Counsel
9 determines appropriate, but no later than at the conclu-
10 sion of the investigation, to—

11 (1) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
12 House of Representatives;

13 (2) the Committee on the Judiciary of the Sen-
14 ate;

15 (3) the Speaker of the House of Representa-
16 tives;

17 (4) the minority leader of the House of Rep-
18 resentatives;

19 (5) the majority leader of the Senate; and

20 (6) the minority leader of the Senate.

21 (b) REPORT OF A SPECIAL COUNSEL WHO IS RE-
22 MOVED FROM OFFICE.—If a person serving as a Special
23 Counsel appointed in accordance with part 600 of title 28
24 of the Code of Federal Regulations is removed from such
25 office, that person shall, not later than 2 weeks after the
26 date of such removal, submit a report detailing the status,

1 as of the date of dismissal, of the investigation that the
2 person was appointed to undertake to—

3 (1) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
4 House of Representatives;

5 (2) the Committee on the Judiciary of the Sen-
6 ate;

7 (3) the Speaker of the House of Representa-
8 tives;

9 (4) the minority leader of the House of Rep-
10 resentatives;

11 (5) the majority leader of the Senate; and

12 (6) the minority leader of the Senate.

13 (c) REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.—If a per-
14 son is removed from service as a Special Counsel ap-
15 pointed in accordance with part 600 of title 28 of the Code
16 of Federal Regulations, the Attorney General or, if the
17 Attorney General is recused, the next most senior official
18 in the Department of Justice who is not also recused,
19 shall, not later than 2 weeks after the date of such re-
20 moval, submit a report detailing the status, as of the date
21 of dismissal, of the investigation that the person was ap-
22 pointed to undertake to—

23 (1) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
24 House of Representatives;

1 (2) the Committee on the Judiciary of the Sen-
2 ate;

3 (3) the Speaker of the House of Representa-
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5 (4) the minority leader of the House of Rep-
6 resentatives;

7 (5) the majority leader of the Senate; and

8 (6) the minority leader of the Senate.

9 (d) MATERIAL TO BE INCLUDED.—Each report
10 under this section shall include but not be limited to—

11 (1) any evidence of criminal activity that impli-
12 cates the President, any person within the Executive
13 Office of the President at the time of the report or
14 at any time prior, or any person appointed as an of-
15 ficer of the United States by the President (regard-
16 less of whether or not that person remained in office
17 as of the date of this report), including, notwith-
18 standing Rule 6 of the Federal Rules of Criminal
19 Procedure, grand jury information (as such term is
20 defined in section 3322(d) of title 18, United States
21 Code);

22 (2) such other facts or matters as the Special
23 Counsel determines appropriate, that the Special
24 Counsel has become aware of in the course of the in-
25 vestigation; and

1 (3) include a summary of any conversation or
2 action regarding the jurisdiction and scope of the in-
3 vestigation—

4 (A) between the Special Counsel’s office
5 and any officer or employee of the Department
6 of Justice, the President, or any person within
7 the Executive Office of the President; and

8 (B) between any officer or employee of the
9 Department of Justice and the Attorney Gen-
10 eral, the President, or any person within the
11 Executive Office of the President.

12 (e) CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.—The reports re-
13 quired under this Act shall be submitted in unclassified
14 form, and may include a classified annex if necessary.

15 (f) PUBLICATION.—The unclassified form of a report
16 under this Act shall be made available to the public on
17 the date it is submitted to Congress.

18 (g) EXEMPTION.—No information to be included in
19 the reports under subsections (a) and (b) may be withheld
20 from Congress on the grounds that such information is
21 classified or otherwise protected by a statutory, regu-
22 latory, or Congressional confidentiality provision. Disclo-
23 sure of any information to Congress made pursuant to this

- 1 bill, including classified information, does not constitute
- 2 a violation of Federal law.

