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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ (for herself, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. COHEN, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. POCAN, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Mr. ESPAILLAT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

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 “White House Security
5 Clearance Accountability Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON SECURITY CLEARANCES FOR CER-**
2 **TAIN EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**
3 **EMPLOYEES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3110 of title 5, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(f)(1) A security clearance—

8 “(A) granted to any covered individual before
9 the date of enactment of this subsection is hereby
10 revoked; and

11 “(B) may not be granted or renewed for any
12 covered individual after such date.

13 “(2) In this subsection, the term ‘covered individual’
14 means any individual occupying a position in the Execu-
15 tive Office of the President—

16 “(A) who is under investigation by a Federal
17 law enforcement agency for aiding a foreign govern-
18 ment; or

19 “(B) who knowingly fails, or knowingly failed,
20 to disclose (on Standard Form 86 or any successor
21 form), to the extent such form requires such disclo-
22 sure, any relationship or contact with a foreign na-
23 tional.”.

24 (b) GAO REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the
25 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
26 shall submit a report to the Committee on Oversight and

1 Reform and the Committee on Homeland Security and
2 Governmental Affairs describing any instance during the
3 period beginning on January 20, 2017, and ending on the
4 date of enactment of this Act in which an individual occu-
5 pying a position in the Executive Office of the President
6 was granted a security clearance despite an unfavorable
7 recommendation from the White House Security Office,
8 the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or any other Federal
9 agency. Such report shall include the name and position
10 of any such individual and the date the decision was made
11 to grant the clearance.

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