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To require the disclosure of certain visitor access records.

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Mr. QUIGLEY (for himself, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. NORTON, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. POCAN, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. CASTEN of Illinois, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. COHEN, Mr. SOTO, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. LUJÁN, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. CLAY, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. SIRES, and Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania) 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 “Making Access Records
5 Available to Lead American Government Openness Act”
6 or the “MAR-A-LAGO Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVING ACCESS TO INFLUENTIAL VISITOR AC-**
2 **CESS RECORDS.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) COVERED LOCATION.—The term “covered
5 location” means—

6 (A) the White House;

7 (B) the residence of the Vice President;

8 and

9 (C) any other location at which the Presi-
10 dent or the Vice President regularly conducts
11 official business.

12 (2) COVERED RECORDS.—The term “covered
13 records” means information relating to a visit at a
14 covered location, which shall include—

15 (A) the name of each visitor at the covered
16 location;

17 (B) the name of each individual with whom
18 each visitor described in subparagraph (A) met
19 at the covered location; and

20 (C) the purpose of the visit.

21 (b) REQUIREMENT.—Except as provided in sub-
22 section (c), not later than 30 days after the date of enact-
23 ment of this Act, the President shall establish and update,
24 every 90 days, a publicly available database that contains
25 covered records for the preceding 30-day period.

26 (c) EXCEPTIONS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall not in-
2 clude in the database established under subsection
3 (b) any covered record—

4 (A) the posting of which would implicate
5 personal privacy or law enforcement concerns or
6 threaten national security; or

7 (B) relating to a purely personal guest at
8 a covered location.

9 (2) SENSITIVE MEETINGS.—With respect to a
10 particularly sensitive meeting at a covered location,
11 the President shall—

12 (A) include the number of visitors at the
13 covered location in the database established
14 under subsection (b); and

15 (B) post the applicable covered records in
16 the database established under subsection (b)
17 when the President determines that release of
18 the covered records is no longer sensitive.

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