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S. 4553

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

Mr. COTTON (for himself and Mrs. LOEFFLER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Support Peaceful Pro-
5 test Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION.**

7 In this Act, the term “covered Federal offense”, with
8 respect to an individual, means a Federal offense related

1 to the conduct of the individual at and during the course
2 of a public gathering—

3 (1) in connection with which a riot (as defined
4 in section 2102 of title 18, United States Code) oc-
5 curs; and

6 (2) with respect to which a Federal law enforce-
7 ment officer was engaged in policing activity.

8 **SEC. 3. ORDER OF RESTITUTION.**

9 In the case of an individual convicted of a covered
10 Federal offense, the court shall, in addition to the penalty
11 for such conviction, order the individual to pay an order
12 of restitution to the appropriate Federal law enforcement
13 agency in an amount that is equal to the cost of the polic-
14 ing activity engaged in by the Federal law enforcement
15 agency, as determined by the court.

16 **SEC. 4. INELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERALLY FUNDED UNEM-**
17 **PLOYMENT BENEFITS.**

18 In the case of an individual convicted of a covered
19 Federal offense, following the date of such conviction, such
20 individual shall not be eligible for any unemployment bene-
21 fits which are financed in whole or in part with Federal
22 funds during the COVID–19 public health emergency (as
23 such term is defined in section 2102 of the CARES Act
24 (15 U.S.C. 9021)), including any Federal Pandemic Un-

1 employment Compensation under section 2104 of the
2 CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9023).

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