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To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to restrict the access and use of veterans' data by the US DOGE Service and special Government employees, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONAWAY (for himself, Mr. CARBAJAL, and Ms. HOULAHAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “VA DATA Access
5 Transparency and Accountability Act of 2025” or the “VA
6 DATA Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS OF DOGE SERVICE TO**
2 **PERSONAL INFORMATION ABOUT VETERANS.**

3 (a) RESTRICTION ON ACCESS.—The Secretary of
4 Veterans Affairs may not provide to the Administrator of
5 the United States DOGE Service (commonly referred to
6 as the “Department of Government Efficiency” or
7 “DOGE”) access to any veteran’s data in the possession
8 of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

9 (b) RESTRICTION ON USE OF INFORMATION.—No
10 special Government employee may access or exfiltrate any
11 veteran’s data in the possession of the Department of Vet-
12 erans Affairs for the purpose of using such data—

13 (1) for commercial gain; or

14 (2) for any reason other than a governmental
15 purpose authorized by the Secretary.

16 (c) TERMINATION OF ACCESS.—If any special Gov-
17 ernment employee acquires access to any system of the
18 Department of Veterans Affairs that contains any vet-
19 eran’s data, the Secretary shall ensure that upon the ter-
20 mination of the period of service of the special Government
21 employee, such employee—

22 (1) returns all such data to the Department of
23 Veterans Affairs; and

24 (2) does not retain a copy of any such data.

25 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) The term “special Government employee”
2 has the meaning given such term in section 202(a)
3 of title 18, United States Code.

4 (2) The term “veteran’s data” mean data relat-
5 ing to an individual veteran, including personal
6 health information, personal identifying information,
7 and financial information.

8 (3) The term “personal health information”
9 means, with respect to a veteran, any information,
10 whether oral or recorded in any form or medium,
11 that is related to—

12 (A) the health of the veteran, including
13 past, present, or future health;

14 (B) the medical treatment of the veteran,
15 including past, present or future such treat-
16 ment; or

17 (C) any payment made or charged to a vet-
18 eran related to the health or medical treatment
19 of the veteran, including any past, present or
20 future such payment.

21 (4) The term “personal identifying informa-
22 tion” means, with respect to a veteran, any informa-
23 tion, whether oral or recorded in any form or me-
24 dium, that can be used to uncover the identity of the
25 veteran, including—

1 (A) the name, signature, or initials of the
2 veteran;

3 (B) the social security number of the vet-
4 eran;

5 (C) the drivers license number or passport
6 number of the veteran;

7 (D) the home or mailing address of the
8 veteran;

9 (E) the date of birth of the veteran;

10 (F) any medical record of the veteran;

11 (G) any financial account or credit card
12 number of the veteran; and

13 (H) any biometric records.

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