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H. R. 6689

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 12, 2025

Mr. HORSFORD (for himself and Mr. CISNEROS) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Ensuring Trans-
5 parency, Honesty, and Integrity for Contracting, Acquisi-
6 tion, and Lifecycle Procurement Act” or the “ETHICAL
7 Procurement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON ELIGIBILITY FOR DEFENSE CON-**
2 **TRACTS FOR CERTAIN ENTITIES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
4 sion of law, the Secretary of Defense may not enter into,
5 renew, or extend any contract or other agreement for the
6 acquisition of any good or service produced or provided
7 by an entity if—

8 (1) an officer, director, partner, or majority
9 owner of such entity—

10 (A) holds a position to which such indi-
11 vidual was appointed by the President by and
12 with the advice and consent of the Senate;

13 (B) holds a position in the executive
14 branch of the Government of a confidential or
15 policy-determining character under schedule C
16 of subpart C of part 213 of title 5, Code of
17 Federal Regulations;

18 (C) is a special Government employee; or

19 (D) holds a position in the Senior Execu-
20 tive Service (as defined in section 2101a of title
21 5, United States Code); or

22 (2) an individual who is an immediate family
23 member of the President, an individual holding a po-
24 sition described in subparagraph (A) or (B) or para-
25 graph (1), or a special Government employee—

1 (A) is a officer, director, or partner of such
2 entity; or

3 (B) holds a significant ownership interest
4 in such entity or would derive a substantial fi-
5 nancial benefit from the Secretary entering
6 into, renewing, or extending such contract or
7 other agreement, as determined by the Sec-
8 retary.

9 (b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 30 days after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
11 shall issue regulations to implement this section, including
12 definitions, thresholds, and procedures for identifying indi-
13 viduals and entities with respect to which the prohibition
14 under subsection (a) applies.

15 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER.—The term
17 “immediate family member” means a parent, child,
18 sibling, spouse, or domestic partner.

19 (2) SPECIAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE.—The
20 term “special Government employee” has the mean-
21 ing given such term in section 202 of title 18,
22 United States Code.

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