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Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. MERKLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Financial Services
3 Conflict of Interest Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTIONS ON PRIVATE SECTOR PAYMENT FOR**
5 **GOVERNMENT SERVICE.**

6 Section 209 of title 18, United States Code, is
7 amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)—

9 (A) by striking “any salary” and inserting
10 “any bonus or salary”; and

11 (B) by striking “his services” and inserting
12 “services rendered or to be rendered”; and

13 (2) in subsection (b)—

14 (A) by inserting “(1)” after “(b)”; and

15 (B) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(2) For purposes of paragraph (1), a pension, retire-
17 ment, group life, health or accident insurance, profit-shar-
18 ing, stock bonus, or other employee welfare or benefit plan
19 that makes payment of compensation contingent on ac-
20 cepting a position in the Federal Government shall not
21 be considered bona fide.

22 “(3) For purposes of paragraph (2), compensation in-
23 cludes a retention award or bonus, severance pay, and any
24 other payment linked to future service in the Federal Gov-
25 ernment in any way.”.

1 **SEC. 3. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO SLOWING THE RE-**
 2 **VOLVING DOOR AMONG FINANCIAL SERVICES**
 3 **REGULATORS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Ethics in Government Act of
 5 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended by adding at the end
 6 the following:

7 **“TITLE VI—SPECIAL REQUIRE-**
 8 **MENTS FOR FINANCIAL SERV-**
 9 **ICES REGULATORS**

10 **“SEC. 601. DEFINITIONS.**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In this title, the terms ‘des-
 12 ignated agency ethics official’ and ‘executive branch’ have
 13 the meanings given those terms under section 109.

14 “(b) OTHER DEFINITIONS.—In this title:

15 “(1) COVERED FINANCIAL SERVICES AGENCY.—

16 The term ‘covered financial services agency’—

17 “(A) means a primary financial regulatory
 18 agency (as defined in section 2 of the Dodd-
 19 Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Pro-
 20 tection Act (12 U.S.C. 5301)); and

21 “(B) includes—

22 “(i) the Board of Governors of the
 23 Federal Reserve System;

24 “(ii) the Office of the Comptroller of
 25 the Currency;

1 “(iii) the Federal Deposit Insurance
2 Corporation;

3 “(iv) the National Credit Union Ad-
4 ministration;

5 “(v) the Securities and Exchange
6 Commission;

7 “(vi) the Federal Housing Finance
8 Agency;

9 “(vii) the Bureau of Consumer Finan-
10 cial Protection;

11 “(viii) the Commodity Futures Trad-
12 ing Commission;

13 “(ix) the Department of the Treasury;

14 “(x) the National Economic Council;

15 and

16 “(xi) the Council of Economic Advi-
17 sors.

18 “(2) COVERED FINANCIAL SERVICES REGU-
19 LATOR.—The term ‘covered financial services regu-
20 lator’ means an officer or employee of a covered fi-
21 nancial services agency who occupies—

22 “(A) a supervisory position classified above
23 GS–15 of the General Schedule;

24 “(B) in the case of a position not under
25 the General Schedule, a supervisory position for

1 which the rate of basic pay is not less than 120
 2 percent of the minimum rate of basic pay for
 3 GS–15 of the General Schedule; or

4 “(C) any other supervisory position deter-
 5 mined to be of equal classification by the Direc-
 6 tor.

7 “(3) DIRECTOR.—The term ‘Director’ means
 8 the Director of the Office of Government Ethics.

9 “(4) FORMER CLIENT.—The term ‘former cli-
 10 ent’—

11 “(A) means a person for whom a covered
 12 financial services regulator served personally as
 13 an agent, attorney, or consultant during the 2-
 14 year period ending on the date (after such serv-
 15 ice) on which the covered financial services reg-
 16 ulator begins service in the Federal Govern-
 17 ment; and

18 “(B) does not include—

19 “(i) instances in which the service
 20 provided was limited to a speech or similar
 21 appearance; or

22 “(ii) a client of the former employer
 23 of the covered financial services regulator
 24 to whom the covered financial services reg-

1 ulator did not personally provide such serv-
2 ices.

3 “(5) FORMER EMPLOYER.—The term ‘former
4 employer’—

5 “(A) means a person for whom a covered
6 financial services regulator served as an em-
7 ployee, officer, director, trustee, or general part-
8 ner during the 2-year period ending on the date
9 (after such service) on which the covered finan-
10 cial services regulator begins service in the Fed-
11 eral Government; and

12 “(B) does not include—

13 “(i) an entity in the Federal Govern-
14 ment, including an executive branch agen-
15 cy;

16 “(ii) a State or local government;

17 “(iii) the District of Columbia;

18 “(iv) an Indian tribe, as defined in
19 section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination
20 and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C.
21 5304); or

22 “(v) the government of a territory or
23 possession of the United States.

1 **“SEC. 602. CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND ELIGIBILITY**
2 **STANDARDS FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES REG-**
3 **ULATORS.**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—A covered financial services reg-
5 ulator shall not make, participate in making, or in any
6 way attempt to use the official position of the covered fi-
7 nancial services regulator to influence a particular matter
8 that provides a direct and substantial pecuniary benefit
9 for a former employer or former client of the covered fi-
10 nancial services regulator.

11 “(b) RECUSAL.—A covered financial services regu-
12 lator shall recuse himself or herself from any official ac-
13 tion that would violate subsection (a).

14 “(c) WAIVER.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The head of the covered fi-
16 nancial services agency employing a covered financial
17 services regulator, in consultation with the Director,
18 may grant a written waiver of the restrictions under
19 subsection (a) if, and to the extent that, the head of
20 the covered financial services agency certifies in
21 writing that—

22 “(A) the application of the restriction to
23 the particular matter is inconsistent with the
24 purposes of the restriction; or

25 “(B) it is in the public interest to grant
26 the waiver.

1 “(2) PUBLICATION.—The Director shall make
 2 each waiver under paragraph (1) publicly available
 3 on the Web site of the Office of Government Ethics.

4 **“SEC. 603. NEGOTIATING FUTURE PRIVATE SECTOR EM-**
 5 **PLOYMENT.**

6 “(a) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in sub-
 7 section (c), and notwithstanding any other provision of
 8 law, a covered financial services regulator may not partici-
 9 pate in any particular matter which involves, to the knowl-
 10 edge of the covered financial services regulator, an indi-
 11 vidual or entity with whom the covered financial services
 12 regulator is in negotiations of future employment or has
 13 an arrangement concerning prospective employment.

14 “(b) DISCLOSURE OF EMPLOYMENT NEGOTIA-
 15 TIONS.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If a covered financial serv-
 17 ices regulator begins any negotiations of future em-
 18 ployment with another person, or an agent or inter-
 19 mediary of another person, or other discussion or
 20 communication with another person, or an agent or
 21 intermediary of another person, mutually conducted
 22 with a view toward reaching an agreement regarding
 23 possible employment of the covered financial services
 24 regulator, the covered financial services regulator
 25 shall notify the designated agency ethics official of

1 the covered financial services agency employing the
 2 covered financial services regulator regarding the ne-
 3 gotiations, discussions, or communications.

4 “(2) INFORMATION.—A designated agency eth-
 5 ics official receiving notice under paragraph (1),
 6 after consultation with the Director, shall inform the
 7 covered financial services regulator of any potential
 8 conflicts of interest involved in any negotiations, dis-
 9 cussions, or communications with the other person
 10 and the applicable prohibitions.

11 “(c) WAIVERS ONLY WHEN EXCEPTIONAL CIR-
 12 CUMSTANCES EXIST.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The head of a covered fi-
 14 nancial services agency may only grant a waiver of
 15 the prohibition under subsection (a) if the head de-
 16 termines that exceptional circumstances exist.

17 “(2) REVIEW AND PUBLICATION.—For any
 18 waiver granted under paragraph (1), the Director
 19 shall—

20 “(A) review the circumstances relating to
 21 the waiver and the determination that excep-
 22 tional circumstances exist; and

23 “(B) make the waiver publicly available on
 24 the Web site of the Office of Government Eth-
 25 ics, which shall include—

1 “(i) the name of the private person or
 2 persons involved in the negotiations or ar-
 3 rangement concerning prospective employ-
 4 ment; and

5 “(ii) the date on which the negotia-
 6 tions or arrangements commenced.

7 “(d) SCOPE.—For purposes of this section, the term
 8 ‘negotiations of future employment’ is not limited to dis-
 9 cussions of specific terms or conditions of employment in
 10 a specific position.

11 **“SEC. 604. RECORDKEEPING.**

12 “The Director shall—

13 “(1) receive all employment histories, recusal
 14 and waiver records, and other disclosure records for
 15 covered executive branch officials necessary for mon-
 16 itoring compliance with this title;

17 “(2) promulgate rules and regulations, in con-
 18 sultation with the Director of the Office of Per-
 19 sonnel Management and the Attorney General, to
 20 implement this title;

21 “(3) provide guidance and assistance where ap-
 22 propriate to facilitate compliance with this title;

23 “(4) review and, where necessary, assist des-
 24 ignated agency ethics officials in providing advice to

1 covered financial services regulators regarding com-
2 pliance with this title; and

3 “(5) if the Director determines that a violation
4 of this title may have occurred, and in consultation
5 with the designated agency ethics official and the
6 Counsel to the President, refer the compliance case
7 to the United States Attorney for the District of Co-
8 lumbia for enforcement action.

9 **“SEC. 605. PENALTIES AND INJUNCTIONS.**

10 “(a) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Any person who violates
12 section 602 or 603 shall be fined under title 18,
13 United States Code, imprisoned for not more than
14 1 year, or both.

15 “(2) WILLFUL VIOLATIONS.—Any person who
16 willfully violates section 602 or 603 shall be fined
17 under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned for
18 not more than 5 years, or both.

19 “(b) CIVIL ENFORCEMENT.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General may
21 bring a civil action in an appropriate district court
22 of the United States against any person who vio-
23 lates, or whom the Attorney General has reason to
24 believe is engaging in conduct that violates, section
25 602 or 603.

1 “(2) CIVIL PENALTY.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Upon proof by a pre-
3 ponderance of the evidence that a person vio-
4 lated section 602 or 603, the court shall impose
5 a civil penalty of not more than the greater
6 of—

7 “(i) \$100,000 for each violation; or

8 “(ii) the amount of compensation the
9 person received or was offered for the con-
10 duct constituting the violation.

11 “(B) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—A civil
12 penalty under this subsection shall be in addi-
13 tion to any other criminal or civil statutory,
14 common law, or administrative remedy available
15 to the United States or any other person.

16 “(3) INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In a civil action
18 brought under paragraph (1) against a person,
19 the Attorney General may petition the court for
20 an order prohibiting the person from engaging
21 in conduct that violates section 602 or 603.

22 “(B) STANDARD.—The court may issue an
23 order under subparagraph (A) if the court finds
24 by a preponderance of the evidence that the

1 conduct of the person violates section 602 or
2 603.

3 “(C) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The filing
4 of a petition seeking injunctive relief under this
5 paragraph shall not preclude any other remedy
6 that is available by law to the United States or
7 any other person.”.

8 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITION OF PROCUREMENT OFFICERS AC-**
9 **CEPTING EMPLOYMENT FROM GOVERNMENT**
10 **CONTRACTORS.**

11 (a) EXPANSION OF PROHIBITION ON ACCEPTANCE
12 BY FORMER OFFICIALS OF COMPENSATION FROM CON-
13 TRACTORS.—Section 2104 of title 41, United States Code,
14 is amended—

15 (1) in subsection (a)—

16 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph
17 (1)—

18 (i) by striking “or consultant” and in-
19 serting “consultant, lawyer, or lobbyist”;
20 and

21 (ii) by striking “one year” and insert-
22 ing “2 years”; and

23 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “person-
24 ally made for the Federal agency” and inserting

1 “participated personally and substantially in”;
2 and

3 (2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the
4 following:

5 “(b) PROHIBITION ON COMPENSATION FROM AFFILI-
6 ATES AND SUBCONTRACTORS.—A former official respon-
7 sible for a Government contract referred to in paragraph
8 (1), (2), or (3) of subsection (a) may not accept compensa-
9 tion for 2 years after awarding the contract from any divi-
10 sion, affiliate, or subcontractor of the contractor.”.

11 (b) REQUIREMENT FOR PROCUREMENT OFFICERS
12 TO DISCLOSE JOB OFFERS MADE ON BEHALF OF REL-
13 ATIVES.—Section 2103(a) of title 41, United States Code,
14 is amended in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by in-
15 serting after “that official” the following: “, or for a rel-
16 ative (as defined in section 3110 of title 5) of that offi-
17 cial,”.

18 (c) REQUIREMENT ON AWARD OF GOVERNMENT
19 CONTRACTS TO FORMER EMPLOYERS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 21 of title 41,
21 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
22 end the following:

1 **“§ 2108. Prohibition on involvement by certain**
 2 **former contractor employees in procure-**
 3 **ments**

4 “An employee of the Federal Government may not
 5 be personally and substantially involved with any award
 6 of a contract to, or the administration of a contract award-
 7 ed to, a contractor that is a former employer of the em-
 8 ployee during the 2-year period beginning on the date on
 9 which the employee leaves the employment of the con-
 10 tractor.”.

11 (2) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-
 12 MENT.—The table of sections for chapter 21 of title
 13 41, United States Code, is amended by adding at
 14 the end the following:

“2108. Prohibition on involvement by certain former contractor employees in
 procurements.”.

15 (d) REGULATIONS.—The Administrator for Federal
 16 Procurement Policy and the Director of the Office of Man-
 17 agement and Budget shall—

18 (1) in consultation with the Director of the Of-
 19 fice of Personnel Management and the Counsel to
 20 the President, promulgate regulations to carry out
 21 and ensure the enforcement of chapter 21 of title
 22 41, United States Code, as amended by this section;
 23 and

1 (2) in consultation with designated agency eth-
 2 ics officials (as defined under section 601 of the
 3 Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.),
 4 as added by section 3), monitor compliance with that
 5 chapter by individuals and agencies.

6 **SEC. 5. REVOLVING DOOR RESTRICTIONS ON FINANCIAL**
 7 **SERVICES REGULATORS MOVING INTO THE**
 8 **PRIVATE SECTOR.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 207 of title 18, United
 10 States Code, is amended—

11 (1) by redesignating subsections (e) through (l)
 12 as subsections (f) through (m), respectively; and

13 (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
 14 lowing:

15 “(e) RESTRICTIONS ON EMPLOYMENT FOR FINAN-
 16 CIAL SERVICES REGULATORS.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to the restric-
 18 tions set forth in subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d),
 19 a covered financial services regulator shall not—

20 “(A) during the 2-year period beginning on
 21 the date on which his or her employment as a
 22 covered financial services regulator ceases—

23 “(i) knowingly act as agent or attor-
 24 ney for, or otherwise represent, any other
 25 person for compensation (except the

1 United States) in any formal or informal
2 appearance before;

3 “(ii) with the intent to influence,
4 make any oral or written communication
5 on behalf of any other person (except the
6 United States) to; or

7 “(iii) knowingly aid, advise, or assist
8 in—

9 “(I) representing any other per-
10 son (except the United States) in any
11 formal or informal appearance before;
12 or

13 “(II) making, with the intent to
14 influence, any oral or written commu-
15 nication on behalf of any other person
16 (except the United States) to,

17 any court of the United States, or any officer
18 or employee thereof, in connection with any ju-
19 dicial or other proceeding, that was actually
20 pending under his or her official responsibility
21 as a covered financial services regulator during
22 the 1-year period ending on the date on which
23 his or her employment as a covered financial
24 services regulator ceases or in which he or she

1 participated personally and substantially as a
2 covered financial services regulator; or

3 “(B) during the 2-year period beginning on
4 the date on which his or her employment as a
5 covered financial services regulator ceases—

6 “(i) knowingly act as a lobbyist or
7 agent for, or otherwise represent, any
8 other person for compensation (except the
9 United States) in any formal or informal
10 appearance before;

11 “(ii) with the intent to influence,
12 make any oral or written communication
13 or conduct any lobbying activities on behalf
14 of any other person (except the United
15 States) to; or

16 “(iii) knowingly aid, advise, or assist
17 in—

18 “(I) representing any other per-
19 son (except the United States) in any
20 formal or informal appearance before;
21 or

22 “(II) making, with the intent to
23 influence, any oral or written commu-
24 nication or conduct any lobbying ac-

1 tivities on behalf of any other person
 2 (except the United States) to,
 3 any department or agency of the executive
 4 branch or Congress (including any committee of
 5 Congress), or any officer or employee thereof,
 6 in connection with any matter that is pending
 7 before the department, the agency, or Congress.

8 “(2) PENALTY.—Any person who violates para-
 9 graph (1) shall be punished as provided in section
 10 216.

11 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

12 “(A) the term ‘covered financial services
 13 regulator’ has the meaning given that term in
 14 section 601 of the Ethics in Government Act of
 15 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.); and

16 “(B) the terms ‘lobbying activities’ and
 17 ‘lobbyist’ have the meanings given those terms
 18 in section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of
 19 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1602).”.

20 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

21 (1) Section 103(a) of the Honest Leadership
 22 and Open Government Act of 2007 (2 U.S.C.
 23 4702(a)) is amended by striking “section 207(e)”
 24 each place it appears and inserting “section 207(f)”.

(2) Section 207 of title 18, United States Code,
as amended by subsection (a), is amended—

(A) in subsection (g), as so redesignated,
by striking “or (e)” and inserting “or (f)”;

(B) in subsection (j)(1)(B), as so redesignated,
by striking “subsection (f)” and inserting
“subsection (g)”;

(C) in subsection (k), as so redesignated—

(i) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking
“(25 U.S.C. 450i(j))” and inserting “(25
U.S.C. 5323(j))”;

(ii) in paragraph (2), in the matter
preceding subparagraph (A), by striking
“and (e)” and inserting “(e), and (f)”;

(iii) in paragraph (4), by striking
“and (e)” and inserting “(e), and (f)”;

(iv) in paragraph (7)—

(I) in subparagraph (A), by striking
“and (e)” and inserting “(e), and
(f)”;

(II) in subparagraph (B)(ii), in
the matter preceding subclause (I), by
striking “subsections (c), (d), or (e)”
and inserting “subsection (c), (d), (e),
or (f)”.

1 (3) Section 141(b)(4) of the Trade Act of 1974
 2 (19 U.S.C. 2171(b)(4)) is amended by striking “sec-
 3 tion 207(f)(3)” and inserting “207(g)(3)”.

4 (4) Section 7802(b)(3)(B) of the Internal Rev-
 5 enue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “and (f)
 6 of section 207” and inserting “and (g) of section
 7 207”.

8 (5) Section 3105(c) of the USEC Privatization
 9 Act (42 U.S.C. 2297h-3(c)) is amended by striking
 10 “and (d)” and inserting “and (e)”.

11 (6) Section 106(p)(6)(I)(ii) of title 49, United
 12 States Code, is amended by striking “and (f) of sec-
 13 tion 207” and inserting “and (g) of section 207”.

14 **SEC. 6. RESTRICTIONS ON FEDERAL EXAMINERS AND SU-**
 15 **PERVISORS OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 10(k) of the Federal De-
 17 posit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1820(k)) is amended—

18 (1) in the subsection heading—

19 (A) by striking “ONE-YEAR” and inserting
 20 “TWO-YEAR”; and

21 (B) by striking “EXAMINERS” and insert-
 22 ing “EXAMINERS AND SUPERVISORS”;

23 (2) in paragraph (1)—

24 (A) by striking subparagraph (B) and in-
 25 serting the following:

“(B) served—

“(i) not less than 2 months during the final 12 months of the employment of the person with that agency or entity as the senior examiner (or a functionally equivalent position) of a depository institution or depository institution holding company with continuing, broad responsibility for the examination (or inspection) of that depository institution or depository institution holding company on behalf of the relevant agency or Federal reserve bank; or

“(ii) as a supervisor of the senior examiner with responsibility for managing the oversight of not more than 5 depository institutions or depository institution holding companies on behalf of the relevant agency or Federal reserve bank; and”;

(B) in subparagraph (C)—

(i) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “1 year” and inserting “2 years”;

(ii) in clause (i)—

1 (I) by striking “other company”
 2 and inserting “other company, firm,
 3 or association”; and

4 (II) by striking “or” at the end;

5 (iii) in clause (ii), by striking the pe-
 6 riod at the end and inserting “; or”; and

7 (iv) by adding at the end the fol-
 8 lowing:

9 “(iii) a business entity, firm, or asso-
 10 ciation that represents the depository insti-
 11 tution or depository institution holding
 12 company for compensation.”;

13 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through
 14 (6) as paragraphs (3) through (7), respectively;

15 (4) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
 16 lowing:

17 “(2) APPLICATION OF PENALTIES FOR SUPER-
 18 VISORS.—A supervisor of a covered financial services
 19 regulator, or a supervisor of a senior examiner de-
 20 scribed in paragraph (1)(B)(i), shall be subject to
 21 the penalties described in paragraph (7) if the su-
 22 pervisor knowingly accepts compensation during the
 23 2-year period beginning on the date on which the
 24 service of the supervisor is terminated—

25 “(A) as—

1 “(i) an employee;

2 “(ii) an officer;

3 “(iii) a director; or

4 “(iv) a consultant; and

5 “(B) from—

6 “(i) a depository institution;

7 “(ii) a depository institution holding
8 company that is designated by the Finan-
9 cial Stability Oversight Council as a sys-
10 temically important financial market utility
11 under section 804 of the Payment, Clear-
12 ing, and Settlement Supervision Act of
13 2010 (12 U.S.C. 5463); or

14 “(iii) a business entity, firm, or asso-
15 ciation that represents an institution de-
16 scribed in clause (ii) for compensation.”;

17 (5) in paragraph (3), as so redesignated—

18 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)
19 and (B) as subparagraphs (B) and (C), respec-
20 tively; and

21 (B) by inserting before subparagraph (B),
22 as so redesignated, the following:

23 “(A) the term ‘covered financial services
24 regulator’ has the meaning given the term in

1 section 601 of the Ethics in Government Act of
 2 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.);”;

3 (6) in paragraph (4), as so redesignated, by
 4 striking “or other company” each place it appears
 5 and inserting “or other company, firm, or associa-
 6 tion”; and

7 (7) in paragraph (7), as so redesignated—

8 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

9 (i) in the matter preceding clause (i),
 10 by striking “other company” and inserting
 11 “other company, firm, or association”; and

12 (ii) in clause (i)(I), by striking “other
 13 company” and inserting “other company,
 14 firm, or association”; and

15 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “a
 16 company” and inserting “a company, firm, or
 17 association”.

18 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

19 Section 10(k) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12
 20 U.S.C. 1820(k)) is amended—

21 (1) in paragraph (1), in the matter preceding
 22 subparagraph (A), by striking “paragraph (6)” and
 23 inserting “paragraph (7)”;

1 (2) in paragraph (5)(A), as so redesignated, by
 2 striking “paragraph (1)(B)” and inserting “para-
 3 graphs (1)(B) and (2)”;

4 (3) in paragraph (7), as so redesignated—

5 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

6 (i) by striking “subject to paragraph
 7 (1)” and inserting “subject to paragraph
 8 (1) or (2)”;

9 (ii) by striking “paragraph (1)(C)”
 10 and inserting “paragraph (1)(C) or (2)”;
 11 and

12 (B) in subparagraph (C)—

13 (i) by striking “person described in
 14 paragraph (1)” and inserting “person de-
 15 scribed in paragraph (1) or (2)”;

16 (ii) by striking “the functions de-
 17 scribed in paragraph (1)(B)” and inserting
 18 “the functions or duties described in para-
 19 graph (1)(B) or (2)”.

20 **SEC. 7. SEVERABILITY.**

21 If any provision of this Act or any amendment made
 22 by this Act, or any application of such provision or amend-
 23 ment to any person or circumstance, is held to be uncon-
 24 stitutional, the remainder of the provisions of this Act and
 25 the amendments made by this Act and the application of

- 1 the provision or amendment to any other person or cir-
- 2 cumstance shall not be affected.

