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# H. R. 1524

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GALLEGO (for himself, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. COHEN, Ms. JAYAPAL, and Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

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## A BILL

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Government with the Trump Organization, and for other  
purposes.

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 “Curb Objectionable  
5 Redirection of Resources and Unconstitutional Payments  
6 to Trump Act” or the “CORRUPT Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 Congress finds the following:

1           (1) Kleptocracy is a tool used by autocratic  
2           leaders, including Vladimir Putin, to exploit state re-  
3           sources; it involves the operation of sophisticated  
4           networks for the purpose of self-enrichment.

5           (2) Unlike prior presidents, President Trump  
6           has refused to sell his business interests or divest  
7           himself of assets that present potential conflicts of  
8           interest.

9           (3) Article I of the Constitution states that “no  
10          Person holding any office of profit or trust under  
11          them, shall, without the consent of the Congress, ac-  
12          cept any present, emolument, office, or title, of any  
13          kind whatever, from any King, Prince, or foreign  
14          State”.

15          (4) Foreign governments and foreign-held com-  
16          panies have already shifted business to the Presi-  
17          dent’s companies in order to curry favor with the  
18          Administration.

19          (5) According to reports, the Trump Inter-  
20          national Hotel has generated at least \$19,700,000 in  
21          income for the President between September 2016  
22          and April 2017.

23          (6) The National Security Council and State  
24          Department have allegedly used taxpayers’ money to

1       pay for staff to stay at Trump hotels and resorts,  
2       thereby benefitting the President.

3   **SEC. 3. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.**

4       It is the sense of Congress that—

5           (1) kleptocrats such as Vladimir Putin pose a  
6       threat to United States national security by under-  
7       mining financial and Government institutions;

8           (2) the United States must take all steps nec-  
9       essary to defend itself against kleptocratic practices;  
10      and

11          (3) Federal funds should not be expended in a  
12      manner that enriches the President or any of his  
13      close relatives or associates.

14   **SEC. 4. REPORTS.**

15      (a) AGENCY REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after  
16   the date of the enactment of this Act, the head of each  
17   agency shall submit to the Office of Government Ethics  
18   a report on the amount expended by that agency in fiscal  
19   years 2017 and 2018 at, or any payments made to, any  
20   covered property and shall include—

21          (1) any hotel stay using per diem or other  
22      funds; or

23          (2) the rental of any conference room or meet-  
24      ing facility.

1 (b) OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS REPORT.—

2 Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment  
3 of this Act, the Office of Government Ethics shall submit  
4 to Congress a comprehensive report on funds expended by  
5 any agency at, or any payments made to, a covered prop-  
6 erty in fiscal years 2017 and 2018.

7 (c) ANNUAL REPORT.—At the end of the next fiscal  
8 year following the date of the enactment of this Act, and  
9 at the end of each fiscal year thereafter, the Director of  
10 the Office of Management and Budget shall submit to  
11 Congress a report on the direct and indirect ways that  
12 funds appropriated to agencies have benefitted a covered  
13 property, including—

14 (1) funds expended by any agency at, or any  
15 payments made to, a covered property in the pre-  
16 vious fiscal year;

17 (2) regulatory actions in the previous fiscal year  
18 with a beneficial impact on a covered property; and

19 (3) indirect expenditures with vendors con-  
20 ducting more than \$1,000,000 in business with a  
21 covered individual or with the owners of a covered  
22 property in the previous fiscal year.

23 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

24 In this Act:

25 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency”—

1 (A) has the meaning given the term—

2 (i) “Executive agency” under section  
3 105 of title 5, United States Code; and

4 (ii) “military department” under sec-  
5 tion 102 of title 5, United States Code;  
6 and

7 (B) means—

8 (i) any other establishment in the ex-  
9 ecutive branch (including the Executive Of-  
10 fice of the President, the United States  
11 Postal Service, and the Postal Regulatory  
12 Commission);

13 (ii) an office, agency, or other estab-  
14 lishment in the legislative branch; and

15 (iii) an office, agency, or other estab-  
16 lishment in the judicial branch.

17 (2) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—The term “covered  
18 individual” means—

19 (A) the President;

20 (B) a relative of the President; and

21 (C) with respect to an agency that is an  
22 Executive department, the head of the Execu-  
23 tive department.

24 (3) COVERED PROPERTY.—The term “covered  
25 property” means—

1                   (A) any property controlled by the Trump  
2                   Organization; or

3                   (B) an organization or business controlled  
4                   by or associated with a covered person (includ-  
5                   ing any known shell company), any member of  
6                   the President’s family, or any employee of the  
7                   Trump Organization.

8                   (4) EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.—The term “Ex-  
9                   ecutive department” has the meaning given the term  
10                  in section 101 of title 5, United States Code.

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