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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RASKIN (for himself and Ms. JAYAPAL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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 “Presidential Disclosure
5 of Foreign Business Transactions Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PRESIDENTIAL DISCLOSURE OF BUSINESS TRANS-**
7 **ACTIONS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES.**

8 (a) INITIAL REPORT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
2 the date on which the President first assumes office,
3 the President shall submit to the Secretary of the
4 Treasury an initial report detailing any private busi-
5 ness transaction with a foreign government con-
6 ducted by the President during the 10 years imme-
7 diately preceding the year in which the President
8 first assumes office.

9 (2) CONTENTS OF INITIAL REPORT.—Any such
10 report shall include a detailed summary and purpose
11 of the transaction, including the recipient, location,
12 time, and status of the transaction.

13 (3) DELAYED INITIAL REPORT.—For a Presi-
14 dent who assumed office before the date of enact-
15 ment of this Act, the President shall submit the ini-
16 tial report described in such paragraph not later
17 than 90 days after the enactment of this Act.

18 (b) MONTHLY REPORT.—At the end of each month
19 beginning after the month that the initial report is sub-
20 mitted under subsection (a) and ending the month after
21 the President ceases to hold office, the President shall sub-
22 mit a report to the Secretary of the Treasury detailing
23 any private business transaction between businesses affili-
24 ated with the President with foreign governments during
25 that month. Any such report shall include the information

1 required under subsection (a)(3) with respect to each such
2 transaction.

3 (c) PUBLICATION.—In order to ensure transparency
4 and accountability to the American people, any report sub-
5 mitted under subsection (a) or (b) shall be made available
6 on the public internet website of the Treasury.

7 (d) DEFINITION OF BUSINESS TRANSACTION.—In
8 this section, the term “business transaction” means any
9 transaction of more than \$10,000 in relation to any pri-
10 vate businesses or investments listed in the President’s fi-
11 nancial disclosure reports, including any report submitted
12 pursuant to the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5
13 U.S.C. App.).

14 **SEC. 3. VIOLATIONS.**

15 A violation of this Act shall constitute a high crime
16 and misdemeanor for the purposes of article II, section
17 4 of the Constitution of the United States.

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