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and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DOGGETT (for himself, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. NADLER, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. POCAN, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. COHEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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from office, 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 “Special Counsel Trans-
5 parency Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORT OF A SPECIAL COUNSEL WHO IS REMOVED**
7 **FROM OFFICE.**

8 (a) PERIODIC REPORT OF A SPECIAL COUNSEL TO
9 CONGRESS.—A person serving as a Special Counsel ap-

1 pointed in accordance with part 600 of title 28 of the Code
2 of Federal Regulations shall submit a report on the status
3 of the investigation that person was appointed to under-
4 take, at such times and to the extent the Special Counsel
5 determines appropriate, but no later than at the conclu-
6 sion of the investigation, to—

7 (1) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
8 House of Representatives;

9 (2) the Committee on the Judiciary of the Sen-
10 ate;

11 (3) the Speaker of the House of Representa-
12 tives;

13 (4) the minority leader of the House of Rep-
14 resentatives;

15 (5) the majority leader of the Senate; and

16 (6) the minority leader of the Senate.

17 (b) REPORT OF A SPECIAL COUNSEL WHO IS RE-
18 MOVED FROM OFFICE.—If a person serving as a Special
19 Counsel appointed in accordance with part 600 of title 28
20 of the Code of Federal Regulations is removed from such
21 office, that person shall, not later than 2 weeks after the
22 date of such removal, submit a report detailing the status,
23 as of the date of dismissal, of the investigation that the
24 person was appointed to undertake to—

1 (1) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
2 House of Representatives;

3 (2) the Committee on the Judiciary of the Sen-
4 ate;

5 (3) the Speaker of the House of Representa-
6 tives;

7 (4) the minority leader of the House of Rep-
8 resentatives;

9 (5) the majority leader of the Senate; and

10 (6) the minority leader of the Senate.

11 (c) REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.—If a per-
12 son is removed from service as a Special Counsel ap-
13 pointed in accordance with part 600 of title 28 of the Code
14 of Federal Regulations, the Attorney General or, if the
15 Attorney General is recused, the next most senior official
16 in the Department of Justice who is not also recused,
17 shall, not later than 2 weeks after the date of such re-
18 moval, submit a report detailing the status, as of the date
19 of dismissal, of the investigation that the person was ap-
20 pointed to undertake to—

21 (1) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
22 House of Representatives;

23 (2) the Committee on the Judiciary of the Sen-
24 ate;

1 (3) the Speaker of the House of Representa-
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4 resentatives;

5 (5) the majority leader of the Senate; and

6 (6) the minority leader of the Senate.

7 (d) MATERIAL TO BE INCLUDED.—Each report
8 under this section shall include but not be limited to—

9 (1) any evidence of criminal activity that impli-
10 cates the President, any person within the Executive
11 Office of the President at the time of the report or
12 at any time prior, or any person appointed as an of-
13 ficer of the United States by the President (regard-
14 less of whether or not that person remained in office
15 as of the date of this report), including, notwith-
16 standing Rule 6 of the Federal Rules of Criminal
17 Procedure, grand jury information (as such term is
18 defined in section 3322(d) of title 18, United States
19 Code); and

20 (2) such other facts or matters as the Special
21 Counsel determines appropriate, that the Special
22 Counsel has become aware of in the course of the in-
23 vestigation.

24 (e) EXEMPTION.—No information to be included in
25 the reports under subsections (a) and (b) may be withheld

1 from Congress on the grounds that such information is
2 classified or otherwise protected by a statutory, regu-
3 latory, or Congressional confidentiality provision. Dislo-
4 sure of any information to Congress made pursuant to this
5 bill, including classified information, does not constitute
6 a violation of Federal law.

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