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H. R. 3876

To prohibit the use of Federal funds for the official travel of any senior political appointee on private aircraft, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2017

Mr. TED LIEU of California (for himself, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. RASKIN, 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 “Stop Waste And Mis-
5 use by Presidential Flyers Landing Yet Evading Rules
6 and Standards Act” or the “SWAMP FLYERS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR TRAVEL ON**
2 **PRIVATE AIRCRAFT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date of enact-
4 ment of this Act, no Federal funds appropriated or other-
5 wise made available in any fiscal year may be used to pay
6 the travel expenses of any senior political appointee for
7 travel on official business on a non-commercial, private,
8 or chartered flight.

9 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—The limitation in subsection (a)
10 shall not apply—

11 (1) if no commercial flight was available for the
12 travel in question, consistent with subsection (c); or

13 (2) to any travel on aircraft owned or leased by
14 the Government.

15 (c) CERTIFICATION.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Any senior political ap-
17 pointee who travels on a non-commercial, private, or
18 chartered flight under the exception provided in sub-
19 section (b)(1) shall, not later than 30 days after the
20 date of such travel, submit a written statement to
21 Congress certifying that no commercial flight was
22 available.

23 (2) PENALTY.—Any statement submitted under
24 paragraph (1) shall be considered a statement for
25 purposes of applying section 1001 of title 18, United
26 States Code.

1 (d) DEFINITION OF SENIOR POLITICAL AP-
2 PPOINTEE.—In this Act, the term “senior political ap-
3 ppointee” means any individual occupying—

4 (1) a position listed under the Executive Sched-
5 ule (subchapter II of chapter 53 of title 5, United
6 States Code);

7 (2) a Senior Executive Service position that is
8 not a career appointee as defined under section
9 3132(a)(4) of such title; or

10 (3) a position of a confidential or policy-deter-
11 mining character under schedule C of subpart C of
12 part 213 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations.

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