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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to
the Committee on _____

A BILL

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Presidential travel, 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 “Stop Padding Presi-
5 dential Pockets Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REIMBURSEMENT REQUIRED.**

7 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in the
8 case of a person whom the United States Secret Service
9 is authorized to protect under paragraph (1) or (2) of sec-
10 tion 3056(a) of title 18, United States Code, if that person

1 travels domestically or internationally in furtherance of
2 the business interests of an entity owned by or controlled
3 by the President of the United States, or from which the
4 President of the United States receives any financial ben-
5 efit, that person shall reimburse to the Treasury—

6 (1) amount expended by the United States Se-
7 cret Service for the provision of such protection; and

8 (2) any amount expended for other costs in-
9 curred by the Government pertaining to that travel.

10 **SEC. 3. EXCEPTIONS TO FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2680 of title 28, United
12 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
13 lowing:

14 “(o) Any claim, without regard to when the act or
15 omission giving rise to the claim occurred, brought by—

16 “(1) the President;

17 “(2) the Vice President; or

18 “(3) an individual who subsequently becomes
19 President or Vice President while the claim is pend-
20 ing.”.

21 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-
22 section (a) shall apply to any claim pending on, or brought
23 on or after, the date of enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 4. LIMITATION ON SOLICITATION OF DONATIONS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—A person whom the United States
3 Secret Service is authorized to protect under paragraph
4 (1) or (2) of section 3056(a) of title 18, United States
5 Code, may not solicit any donation for a presidential li-
6 brary or museum while that president is in office. Each
7 such person shall submit an annual report to the Archivist
8 of the United States on each interaction with another
9 party that pertains to a presidential library and museum.

10 (b) PRIVATE ENTITIES.—Each private entity that
11 administers or lobbies for a presidential library or museum
12 shall submit an annual report to the Archivist of the
13 United States on the financial activities of that private
14 entity that pertain to the presidential library or museum.

15 (c) PENALTY.—Whoever fails to submit a report re-
16 quired to be submitted under this section shall be fined
17 \$1,000 each day that the report is not submitted.

18 **SEC. 5. LIMITATION ON PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITIES.**

19 The President may not create a business, operate a
20 business, serve on a board of directors of any business,
21 or be part of any day-to-day operations of a business while
22 in office. If an immediate family member of the President
23 engages in any conduct prohibited on the part of the
24 President in this section, that immediate family member
25 shall submit quarterly reports to Congress and publish a
26 certification that their conduct is not enriching or benefit-

1 ting the sitting President of the United States. If the
2 President creates, operates, or serves on a board of direc-
3 tors of any business, any income the President earns from
4 such creation, operation, or service shall be subject to a
5 tax of 100 percent.