

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 215

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 5, 2021

Mr. STEWART introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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 “Victims’ Voice and
5 Transparency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING IMPOSITION OF NONDISCLOSURE**
2 **AGREEMENT AS CONDITION OF AWARD OR**
3 **SETTLEMENT UNDER CONGRESSIONAL AC-**
4 **COUNTABILITY ACT OF 1995.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION.—Section 401 of the Congressional
6 Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1401) is amended
7 by adding at the end the following new subsection:

8 “(h) PROHIBITING IMPOSITION OF NONDISCLOSURE
9 AGREEMENTS.—A nondisclosure agreement may not be
10 imposed on any party as a condition of the payment of
11 any award or settlement in connection with a violation of
12 part A of title II.”.

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
14 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to awards and set-
15 tlements paid in connection with the Congressional Ac-
16 countability Act of 1995 on or after the date of the enact-
17 ment of this Act.

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