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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 8, 2019

Ms. LEE of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “No More Ghost Money
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) On May 4, 2013, President of Afghanistan
7 Hamid Karzai revealed that the Central Intelligence
8 Agency regularly made cash payments to his office.

9 (2) The corrupt practice of making such pay-
10 ments undermines the rule of law and undercuts a
11 central strategic United States goal in Afghanistan:
12 Establishing a credible and transparent Afghan gov-
13 ernment responsive to popular concerns.

14 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION OF PAYMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS AF-**
15 **FILIATED WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.**

16 (a) PROHIBITION.—Subject to section 5, no depart-
17 ment or agency of the Federal Government or contractor
18 to the Federal Government may make a monetary pay-
19 ment to an employee, officer, elected official, or represent-
20 ative of the government of a foreign country for the pur-
21 poses of bribery, coercion, or any activity that is illegal
22 or undermines the rule of law or corrupts a public officer
23 or the office such officer represents.

24 (b) PROCEDURES.—The President shall establish
25 procedures to carry out and enforce the prohibition under
26 subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 4. REPORT ON PAYMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS AFFILI-**
2 **ATED WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANI-**
3 **STAN.**

4 Subject to section 5, not later than 180 days after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the
6 Central Intelligence Agency shall submit to Congress a re-
7 port on all monetary payments made by the Central Intel-
8 ligence Agency to employees, officers, elected officials, or
9 representatives of the Government of Afghanistan on or
10 after September 11, 2001. Such report shall include—

11 (1) a description of all payments made to em-
12 ployees, officers, elected officials, or representatives
13 of the Government of Afghanistan on or after Sep-
14 tember 11, 2001, including any receipts provided by
15 such employees, officers, elected officials, or rep-
16 resentatives and, to the extent possible, copies of
17 such receipts;

18 (2) the legal basis for making such payments;

19 (3) the strategic goals supported by such pay-
20 ments; and

21 (4) the effectiveness of such payments in
22 achieving such strategic goals.

23 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL SECURITY WAIVER.**

24 The President may waive a requirement of section 3
25 or 4 if the President certifies to Congress that fulfilling

- 1 such requirement would harm the national security of the
- 2 United States or members of the Armed Forces.

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