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To require that waivers and authorizations for certain Federal employees relating to ethics requirements are made public and submitted to the Office of Government Ethics, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LYNCH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

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 “White House Ethics
5 Transparency Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROCEDURE FOR WAIVERS AND AUTHORIZATIONS**
2 **RELATING TO ETHICS REQUIREMENTS.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other provi-
4 sion of law, not later than 30 days after an officer or em-
5 ployee issues or approves a waiver or authorization pursu-
6 ant to a provision listed in subsection (d) to a covered em-
7 ployee, such officer or employee shall—

8 (1) transmit a written copy of such waiver or
9 authorization to the Director of the Office of Gov-
10 ernment Ethics; and

11 (2) make a written copy of such waiver or au-
12 thorization available to the public on the website of
13 the employing agency of the covered employee.

14 (b) **RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.**—In the case of a
15 waiver or authorization described in subsection (a) issued
16 during the period beginning on January 20, 2017, and
17 ending on the date of enactment of this Act, the issuing
18 officer or employee of such waiver or authorization shall
19 comply with the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2)
20 of such subsection not later than 30 days after the date
21 of enactment of this Act.

22 (c) **OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS PUBLIC AVAIL-**
23 **ABILITY.**—Not later than 14 days after receiving a written
24 copy of a waiver or authorization under subsection (a)(1),
25 the Director of the Office of Government Ethics shall

1 make such waiver or authorization available to the public
2 on the website of the Office of Government Ethics.

3 (d) APPLICABLE PROVISIONS.—The provisions re-
4 ferred to in subsection (a) are as follows:

5 (1) Section 3 of Executive Order 13770 (82
6 Fed. Reg. 9333, relating to ethics commitments by
7 Executive branch appointees), or any subsequent
8 similar order.

9 (2) Section 3 of Executive Order 13490 (74
10 Fed. Reg. 4673, relating to ethics commitments by
11 Executive branch personnel).

12 (3) Subsection (b)(1) of section 208 of title 18,
13 United States Code, notwithstanding subsection (c)
14 of such section.

15 (4) Executive Order 12674, as amended by Ex-
16 ecutive Order 12731 (81 Fed. Reg. 8008, relating to
17 principles of ethical conduct for Government officers
18 and employees).

19 (e) DEFINITION OF COVERED EMPLOYEE.—In this
20 section, the term “covered employee” means an appointee,
21 as defined in section 2 of Executive Order 13770 (82 Fed.
22 Reg. 9333, relating to ethics commitments by Executive
23 branch appointees), who was appointed on or after Janu-
24 ary 20th, 2017.