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114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To limit donations made pursuant to settlement agreements to which the
United States is a party, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

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to which the United States is a party, 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 Settlement Slush
5 Funds Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON DONATIONS MADE PURSUANT TO**
2 **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS TO WHICH THE**
3 **UNITED STATES IS A PARTY.**

4 (a) LIMITATION ON REQUIRED DONATIONS.—An of-
5 ficial or agent of the Government may not enter into a
6 settlement agreement on behalf of the United States, or
7 enforce such a settlement agreement, if that agreement
8 includes a term requiring that any donation be made to
9 any person by any party (other than the United States)
10 to such agreement.

11 (b) PENALTY.—Any official or agent of the Govern-
12 ment who violates subsection (a), shall be subject to the
13 same penalties that would apply in the case of a violation
14 of section 3302 of title 31, United States Code.

15 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.—The term
17 “settlement agreement” means a settlement agree-
18 ment resolving a civil action or potential civil action.

19 (2) DONATION.—The term “donation” does not
20 include any payment by a party to provide restitue-
21 tion for or otherwise remedy the actual harm (in-
22 cluding to the environment), directly and proxi-
23 mately caused by the alleged conduct of the party,
24 that is the basis for the settlement agreement.