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115TH CONGRESS
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. FARENTHOLD (for himself and _____) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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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 “Furthering Asbestos
3 Claim Transparency (FACT) Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.**

5 Section 524(g) of title 11, United States Code, is
6 amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(8) A trust described in paragraph (2) shall, subject
8 to section 107—

9 “(A) file with the bankruptcy court, not later
10 than 60 days after the end of every quarter, a report
11 that shall be made available on the court’s public
12 docket and with respect to such quarter—

13 “(i) describes each demand the trust re-
14 ceived from, including the name and exposure
15 history of, a claimant and the basis for any
16 payment from the trust made to such claimant;
17 and

18 “(ii) does not include any confidential med-
19 ical record or the claimant’s full social security
20 number; and

21 “(B) upon written request, and subject to pay-
22 ment (demanded at the option of the trust) for any
23 reasonable cost incurred by the trust to comply with
24 such request, provide in a timely manner any infor-
25 mation related to payment from, and demands for
26 payment from, such trust, subject to appropriate

1 protective orders, to any party to any action in law
2 or equity if the subject of such action concerns li-
3 ability for asbestos exposure.”.

4 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.**

5 (a) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Except as provided in sub-
6 section (b), this Act and the amendments made by this
7 Act shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this
8 Act.

9 (b) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.—The amend-
10 ments made by this Act shall apply with respect to cases
11 commenced under title 11 of the United States Code be-
12 fore, on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act.