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H. R. 714

To promote accountability and transparency in future executive orders.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MANN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To promote accountability and transparency in future executive orders.

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. NOTIFICATION RESPECTING CERTAIN EXECU-**
4 **TIVE ORDERS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days before
6 issuing a qualifying executive order, the President shall
7 transmit to the Congress, and make publicly available, a
8 notification with respect to such executive order. Such no-
9 tification shall contain—

10 (1) the text of the executive order;

1 (2) the Federal law or laws affected by the ex-
2 ecutive order that is the subject of the notification;

3 (3) how the President is working within the pa-
4 rameters specified in Federal law and the Constitu-
5 tion;

6 (4) the means by which the executive order will
7 be accomplished, including through any related Fed-
8 eral agencies or departments; and

9 (5) a comprehensive list of organizations, busi-
10 nesses, and other parties or entities the President,
11 or the President’s designee, engaged with prior to
12 the issuance of such executive order.

13 (b) REPORTS.—Not later than 6 months after the
14 date of the enactment of this Act, and every 12 months
15 thereafter, the President shall submit to the Congress a
16 report on the outcome of each qualifying executive order
17 issued during the period covered by the report.

18 (c) QUALIFYING EXECUTIVE ORDER.—The term
19 “qualifying executive order” means any executive order
20 (including an executive order that revokes or nullifies a
21 previous executive order) issued on or after January 20,
22 2021, relating to abortion, including the prohibition on the
23 use of Federal funds for abortions, as specified in sections
24 506 and 507 of division H of the Consolidated Appropria-
25 tions Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260) (commonly re-

1 ferred to as the “Hyde amendment”), and the right to
2 life guaranteed by the 14th Amendment to the Constitu-
3 tion.

