

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5662

To prohibit the construction of any new Federal building in the District
of Columbia.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 21, 2021

Mr. GOHMERT (for himself, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mrs. BOEBERT, Mr. CAWTHORN, Mr. GRIFFITH, and Mrs. CAMMACK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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in the District of Columbia.

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 Wasting All our
5 Money on Palaces Act” or the “SWAMP Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The debt of the United States is over 28
9 trillion dollars and continues to rise.

1 (2) The continued increase in our debt could
2 cause our debt to be downgraded increasing the cost
3 of borrowing money and bankrupting our country.

4 (3) Congress must tighten its fiscal belt to ease
5 the burden of the increasing debt level on United
6 States taxpayers.

7 (4) The Federal Government has a responsi-
8 bility to the taxpayers to make sacrifices in other
9 areas.

10 (5) Federal funds that otherwise would be spent
11 on new construction or leasing of Federal buildings
12 would be better spent helping the people of the
13 United States by paying down the Nation's debt.

14 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON CONSTRUCTION NEW FEDERAL**
15 **BUILDINGS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—For a 2-year period beginning on
17 the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of
18 General Services and any other executive of a Federal De-
19 partment or Agency may not agree or sign a contract to
20 construct a new Federal building in the District of Colum-
21 bia.

22 (b) DEFINITION OF FEDERAL BUILDING.—For pur-
23 poses of this section, the term “Federal building” means
24 any building to be constructed by, or for the use of, any

- 1 Federal agency. Such term shall include buildings built for
- 2 the purpose of being leased by a Federal agency.

