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# H. R. 6551

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 1, 2022

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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. PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
5 sion of law, any person found to have committed any viola-  
6 tion of part 436 of title 16, Code of Federal Regulations,  
7 shall be liable to any person harmed by such violation  
8 for—

9 (1) actual damages;

1           (2) additional equitable relief, including rescis-  
2           sion of any contract and such other equitable relief  
3           as a court may find appropriate; and

4           (3) reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

5           (b) JURISDICTION AND VENUE.—Jurisdiction and  
6 venue of a civil action under this section shall be concur-  
7 rent and may be commenced in—

8           (1) the United States District Court in the dis-  
9           trict in which the claimant resides; or

10           (2) in a State court of competent jurisdiction in  
11           the State in which the claimant resides.

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