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To amend title 18, United States Code, to establish a 5-year post-employment ban on lobbying by former senior executive branch personnel and to prohibit such personnel from lobbying at any time on behalf of foreign clients, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 11, 2021

Mrs. HINSON (for herself, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. MAST, and Mr. FEENSTRA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Promoting the Unbi-
5 ased Role of Employees in the Executive Act” or the
6 “PURE Executive Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. 5-YEAR POST-EMPLOYMENT BAN ON LOBBYING BY**
2 **FORMER SENIOR EXECUTIVE BRANCH PER-**
3 **SONNEL.**

4 (a) 5-YEAR BAN.—Section 207 of title 18, United
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “within 1
7 year after the termination” and inserting “within 5
8 years after the termination”; and

9 (2) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “within 2
10 years after the termination” and inserting “within 5
11 years after the termination”.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
13 this section shall apply with respect to any individual who,
14 on or after the date of the enactment of this Act, leaves
15 a position to which subsection (c) or (d) of section 207
16 of title 18, United States Code, applies.

17 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITING FORMER SENIOR EXECUTIVE**
18 **BRANCH PERSONNEL FROM LOBBYING AT**
19 **ANY TIME ON BEHALF OF ANY FOREIGN CLI-**
20 **ENTS.**

21 (a) LIFETIME PROHIBITION.—Section 207(f) of title
22 18, United States Code, is amended—

23 (1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
24 graph (4); and

25 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
26 lowing new paragraph:

1 “(3) SPECIAL RULE FOR SENIOR PERSONNEL
2 OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND INDEPENDENT
3 AGENCIES.—In the case of an individual who is sub-
4 ject to the restrictions of subsection (c) or (d), the
5 restrictions described in paragraph (1) shall apply to
6 representing, aiding, or advising foreign entities at
7 any time after the individual leaves a position to
8 which such subsection applies.”.

9 (b) EXTENSION OF PROHIBITION TO ALL FOREIGN
10 CLIENTS.—Paragraph (4) of section 207(f) of such title,
11 as redesignated by subsection (a)(1), is amended by strik-
12 ing the period at the end and inserting the following: “,
13 except that in the case of an individual who is subject to
14 the restrictions of subsection (c) or (d), such term means
15 any foreign principal under such Act.”.

16 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
17 this section shall apply with respect to any individual who,
18 on or after the date of the enactment of this Act, leaves
19 a position to which subsection (c) or (d) of section 207
20 of title 18, United States Code, applies.

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