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To amend the Government in the Sunshine Act to require the disclosure of certain activities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONYERS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Operations

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 “Revolving Door
5 Sunshine Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF COMMUNICATIONS.**

7 (a) DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENT.—Section 552b of
8 title 5, United States Code, commonly referred to as the
9 “Government in the Sunshine Act”, is amended by adding
10 at the end the following:

1 “(n)(1) Any person who is a senior member of the
2 Federal Government shall, for 5 years after the termi-
3 nation of his or her service or employment as a senior
4 member of the Federal Government, file with the Office
5 of Management and Budget, in accordance with para-
6 graph (2), a report containing the following information:

7 “(A) The name of any Member of Congress,
8 and the name and title of any congressional staff
9 member or of any officer or employee of any agency
10 to whom he or she makes an oral or written commu-
11 nication on behalf of anyone other than the United
12 States, during the reporting period described in
13 paragraph (2), regarding an official action of the
14 Congress or that agency.

15 “(B) The name, address, and telephone number
16 of any person on whose behalf he or she makes a
17 communication described in subparagraph (A).

18 “(C) A description of the legislation, regulation,
19 trade negotiation, or other matter that a commu-
20 nication described in subparagraph (A) concerns.

21 “(D) The name, address, and telephone number
22 of any foreign government, foreign political party, or
23 foreign business entity whom he or she represents,
24 aids, or advises, during the reporting period de-

1 scribed in paragraph (2), regarding any official ac-
2 tion of the Congress or of an agency.

3 “(2) Each person who is required to file a report
4 under paragraph (1) shall file such report with the Office
5 of Management and Budget—

6 “(A) by July 30 of each year, containing infor-
7 mation relating to the period January 1 through
8 June 30 of that year; and

9 “(B) by January 31 of each year, containing in-
10 formation relating to the period July 1 through De-
11 cember 31 of the preceding year.

12 An individual shall file a report under paragraph (1)
13 whether or not the individual made any communication
14 described in paragraph (1)(A), or any representation, aid,
15 or advice described in subparagraph (D), during the
16 reporting period.

17 “(3) The Office of Management and Budget shall,
18 within 30 days after receiving a report filed pursuant to
19 paragraph (1), make such report available to the public
20 for inspection and copying during normal business hours.

21 “(4) For purposes of this subsection—

22 “(A) the term ‘agency’ has the meaning given
23 that term in section 552(f) of this title;

24 “(B) the term ‘congressional staff member’
25 means an elected officer of either House of Con-

1 gress, an employee whose pay is disbursed by the
2 Director of Nonlegislative and Financial Services of
3 the House of Representatives, and an employee
4 whose pay is disbursed by the Secretary of the
5 Senate;

6 “(C) the term ‘foreign business entity’ means a
7 partnership, association, corporation, organization,
8 or other combination of persons either organized
9 under the laws of or having its principal place of
10 business in a foreign country;

11 “(D) the term ‘foreign government’ means the
12 ‘government of a foreign country’, as defined in sec-
13 tion 1(e) of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of
14 1938, as amended (22 U.S.C. 611(e));

15 “(E) the term ‘foreign political party’ has the
16 meaning given that term in section 1(f) of the For-
17 eign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended
18 (22 U.S.C. 611(f));

19 “(F) the term ‘Member of Congress’ means a
20 Senator or a Representative in, or Delegate or Resi-
21 dent Commissioner to, the Congress;

22 “(G) the term ‘senior appointee’ means any in-
23 dividual who is appointed on or after January 20,
24 1993, by the President, the Vice President, or the
25 head of an agency to a full-time, noncareer position

1 in an agency and whose rate of basic pay is not less
2 than the rate of basic pay in effect for level V of the
3 Executive Schedule under section 5316 of this title;

4 “(H) the term ‘senior congressional staff mem-
5 ber’ means a person who is a congressional staff
6 member after January 4, 1993, and whose rate of
7 basic pay is not less than the rate of basic pay in
8 effect for level V of the Executive Schedule under
9 section 5316 of this title;

10 “(I) the term ‘senior member of the Federal
11 Government’ means a senior appointee, a Member of
12 Congress serving after January 4, 1993, or a senior
13 congressional staff member; and

14 “(J) the term ‘written communication’ includes
15 any communication, other than an oral communica-
16 tion, that is transmitted by any means, including
17 electronic device.”.

18 (b) CONFORMING AND CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—
19 Section 552b(a)(1) of title 5, United States Code, is
20 amended—

21 (1) by inserting “, except as provided in sub-
22 section (n),” after “ ‘agency’ ”; and

23 (2) by striking “section 552(e)” and inserting
24 “section 552(f)”.

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