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To require additional disclosures relating to donations to the Presidential Inaugural Committee, and for other purposes.

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Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. OSSOFF, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Inaugural Committee
5 Transparency Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN DONATIONS TO AND**
 2 **SPENDING BY THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURAL COMMITTEE.**
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4 Section 510 of title 36, United States Code, is
 5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (b)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, and
 8 disclosing any disbursement made in an amount
 9 equal to or greater than \$200 and the purpose
 10 of each disbursement” before the period at the
 11 end; and

12 (B) in paragraph (2)—

13 (i) in subparagraph (B), by striking
 14 “and” at the end;

15 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking
 16 the period at the end and inserting “;
 17 and”; and

18 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
 19 lowing:

20 “(D) for any disbursement in an amount
 21 equal to or greater than \$200 that is made, in-
 22 cluding any such disbursement made after the
 23 end of the inaugural period—

24 “(i) the name and address of the per-
 25 son to whom the disbursement was made;

1 “(ii) the date on which the disburse-
2 ment was made; and

3 “(iii) the total amount and purpose of
4 the disbursement.”;

5 (2) by amending subsection (c) to read as fol-
6 lows:

7 “(c) PROHIBITION.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful—

9 “(A) for an Inaugural Committee to solicit,
10 accept, or receive a donation from a foreign na-
11 tional;

12 “(B) for a person—

13 “(i) to make a donation to an Inau-
14 gural Committee in the name of another
15 person, or to knowingly authorize his or
16 her name to be used to effect such a dona-
17 tion; or

18 “(ii) to knowingly accept a donation
19 to an Inaugural Committee made by a per-
20 son in the name of another person;

21 “(C) for a foreign national to, directly or
22 indirectly, make a donation, or make an express
23 or implied promise to make a donation, to an
24 Inaugural Committee; or

1 “(D) to convert a donation to an Inaugural
 2 Committee to personal use as described in para-
 3 graph (3).

4 “(2) DEFINITION OF FOREIGN NATIONAL.—In
 5 this subsection, the term ‘foreign national’ has the
 6 meaning given the term in section 319(b) of the
 7 Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C.
 8 441e(b)).

9 “(3) CONVERSION OF DONATION TO PERSONAL
 10 USE.—For purposes of paragraph (1)(D), a donation
 11 shall be considered to be converted to personal use
 12 if any part of the donated amount is used to fulfill
 13 a commitment, obligation, or expense of a person
 14 that would exist irrespective of the responsibilities of
 15 the Inaugural Committee.”; and

16 (3) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(d) REQUIREMENT.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the date
 19 that is 90 days after the date of the Presidential in-
 20 augural ceremony, the committee shall disburse any
 21 remaining donated funds to an organization de-
 22 scribed in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
 23 Code of 1986 and exempt from taxation under sec-
 24 tion 501(a) of such Code.

25 “(2) EXTENSION.—

1 “(A) REQUEST.—Upon request from the
2 Inaugural Committee, the Federal Election
3 Commission may extend the 90-day period de-
4 scribed in paragraph (1).

5 “(B) SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.—In the
6 case of an extension under subparagraph (A),
7 the Inaugural Committee shall, not later than
8 the last day of the extension period, file a sup-
9 plement to the report required under subsection
10 (b)(1).”.

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