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H. R. 5884

To provide members of the President's Cabinet an allowance to acquire security equipment and services for the personal residences of such members, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 3, 2023

Ms. CRAIG introduced the following bill

OCTOBER 25, 2023

Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To provide members of the President's Cabinet an allowance to acquire security equipment and services for the personal residences of such members, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. CABINET MEMBER RESIDENTIAL SECURITY AL-**
2 **LOWANCE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 59 of title 5, United
4 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 5949
5 the following new section:

6 **“§ 5949a. Residential security allowance**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the United
8 States Secret Service Uniformed Division shall reimburse
9 each eligible Cabinet member for—

10 “(1) any costs incurred by such eligible Cabinet
11 member for the acquisition or installation of safety
12 and security equipment, including cameras, motion
13 sensors, video recorders, door locks, and lighting, at
14 any personal residence of such eligible Cabinet mem-
15 ber; and

16 “(2) any recurring monthly fixed costs incurred
17 by such eligible Cabinet member for—

18 “(A) maintaining safety and security
19 equipment at any personal residence of such eli-
20 gible Cabinet member; and

21 “(B) security monitoring services for any
22 personal residence of such eligible Cabinet
23 member.

24 “(b) LIMITS.—

25 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director may only re-
26 imburse a cost under subsection (a) if—

1 “(A) such cost was incurred by an eligible
2 Cabinet member while an eligible Cabinet mem-
3 ber; and

4 “(B) such eligible Cabinet member submits
5 an application in accordance with subsection
6 (c).

7 “(2) ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION.—The
8 aggregate amount which an individual may be reim-
9 bursed under paragraph (1) of subsection (a) may
10 not exceed \$10,000.

11 “(3) MONTHLY FEES.—The amount which the
12 Director may reimburse an eligible Cabinet member
13 under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) may not ex-
14 ceed \$150 per month.

15 “(c) APPLICATION.—Each eligible Cabinet member
16 seeking reimbursement under this section shall submit to
17 the Director an application at such time, in such manner,
18 and containing such information as the Director deter-
19 mines appropriate.

20 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 “(1) DIRECTOR.—The term ‘Director’ means
22 the Director of the United States Secret Service
23 Uniformed Division.

24 “(2) ELIGIBLE CABINET MEMBER.—The term
25 ‘eligible Cabinet member’ means—

1 “(A) the Secretary of Agriculture;
2 “(B) the Secretary of Commerce;
3 “(C) the Secretary of Defense;
4 “(D) the Secretary of Education;
5 “(E) the Secretary of Energy;
6 “(F) the Secretary of Health and Human
7 Services;
8 “(G) the Secretary of Homeland Security;
9 “(H) the Secretary of Housing and Urban
10 Development;
11 “(I) the Secretary of Interior;
12 “(J) the Secretary of Labor;
13 “(K) the Secretary of State;
14 “(L) the Secretary of Transportation;
15 “(M) the Secretary of the Treasury;
16 “(N) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs;
17 “(O) the Attorney General;
18 “(P) the Director of National Intelligence;
19 “(Q) the Administrator of the Environ-
20 mental Protection Agency; and
21 “(R) the Administrator of the Small Busi-
22 ness Administration.
23 “(3) UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE UNI-
24 FORMED DIVISIONS.—Term ‘United States Secret

1 Service Uniformed Division’ has the meaning given
2 that term under section 3056A of title 18.”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
4 for chapter 59 of title 5, United States Code, is amended
5 by inserting after the item relating to section 5949 the
6 following new item:

“5949a. Residential security allowance.”.

7 **SEC. 2. EXCLUSION OF RESIDENTIAL SECURITY ALLOW-**
8 **ANCE FROM GROSS INCOME.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part III of subchapter B of chap-
10 ter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended
11 by inserting after section 139I the following new section:

12 **“SEC. 139J. RESIDENTIAL SECURITY ALLOWANCE FOR ELI-**
13 **GIBLE CABINET MEMBERS.**

14 “‘In the case of an eligible cabinet member (as defined
15 in section 5949a(d) of title 5, United States Code), gross
16 income does not include any amounts received as a reim-
17 bursement issued by the Director of the United States Se-
18 cret Service Uniformed Division under section 5949a(a)
19 of title 5, United States Code.”.

20 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
21 for part III of subchapter B of chapter 1 of such Code
22 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section
23 139I the following new item:

“Sec. 139J. Residential security allowance for eligible cabinet members.”.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall apply to amounts received after the date
3 of the enactment of this Act.

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