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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. TORRES of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Protecting America’s
5 Cybersecurity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REINSTATEMENT AND LIMITATION ON REMOVAL OF**
2 **CISA EMPLOYEES.**

3 (a) REINSTATEMENT.—Any individual who was invol-
4 untarily removed from a position in the Cybersecurity and
5 Infrastructure Security Agency between the period begin-
6 ning on January 25, 2025, and ending on March 1, 2025
7 shall, at the election of such individual, be reinstated to
8 the individual's former position with backpay in accord-
9 ance with section 5596 of title 5, United States Code.

10 (b) LIMITATIONS ON REDUCTION IN RESOURCES.—
11 No employee may be involuntarily removed from, or trans-
12 ferred to a position outside of, the Cybersecurity and In-
13 frastructure Security Agency, and no appropriations avail-
14 able for the Agency may be impounded, transferred, or
15 reprogrammed unless Congress enacts a law after the date
16 of the enactment of this Act providing for such a removal
17 or transfer, unless such transfer authority is specifically
18 provided by Acts making appropriations for the Agency.

19 (c) EXCEPTIONS.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to
20 any individual removed from a political position, any indi-
21 vidual involuntarily removed for misconduct or delin-
22 quency, or any individual involuntarily removed and whose
23 most recent performance review before such removal was
24 unacceptable or less than fully successful, and the limita-
25 tion in subsection (b) on removal and transfer of employ-

1 ees shall not apply to any employee occupying a political
2 position.

3 (d) **POLITICAL POSITION DEFINED.**—In this section,
4 the term “political position” means —

5 (1) a position described under sections 5312
6 through 5316 of title 5, United States Code (relat-
7 ing to the Executive Schedule);

8 (2) an individual in a Senior Executive Service
9 position who is not a career appointee (as that term
10 is defined under section 3132(a) of such title); or

11 (3) a position in the executive branch of the
12 Government of a confidential or policy-determining
13 character under schedule C of subpart C of part 213
14 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations.

15 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON DOGE EMPLOYEES WORKING AT**
16 **CISA.**

17 No Federal funds may be obligated or expended for
18 the salary or expenses of any employee of the Department
19 of the United States DOGE Service (commonly referred
20 to as the “Department of Government Efficiency” or
21 “DOGE”) or any employee of a DOGE agency team
22 transferred, detailed, or otherwise working at the Cyberse-
23 curity and Infrastructure Security Agency.