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115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. SINEMA 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 “Cut the Perks Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. REIMBURSEMENT FOR UNLAWFUL USE OF FED-**
6 **ERAL FUNDS BY POLITICAL APPOINTEES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
8 date that an Inspector General or the Government Ac-

1 countability Office make a joint determination that a polit-
2 ical appointee made a personal request for the obligation
3 or expenditure of Federal funds in willful violation of Fed-
4 eral law, rule, or regulation, the political appointee shall
5 reimburse the Government for the amount of the obliga-
6 tion or expenditure. For purposes of this subsection, a
7 joint determination is deemed to have occurred if—

8 (1) the Government Accountability Office issues
9 a decision or opinion that an obligation or expendi-
10 ture of Federal funds is in violation of Federal law,
11 rule, or regulation; and

12 (2) an Inspector General finds that a political
13 appointee made a personal request for the obligation
14 or expenditure of Federal funds in willful violation
15 of Federal law, rule, or regulation.

16 (b) DEFINITION OF POLITICAL APPOINTEE.—In this
17 section, the term “political appointee” means any officer
18 or employee of the Government—

19 (1) appointed by the President, by and with the
20 advice and consent of the Senate; and

21 (2) in a position of a confidential or policy-de-
22 termining character under schedule C of subpart C
23 of part 213 of title 5 of the Code of Federal Regula-
24 tions.