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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend title 28, United States Code, to establish certain requirements for compromise settlements between the President and the United States, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. RASKIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “Block Lawless Agree-  
5 ments and Nullify Corrupt Handouts and Emoluments  
6 Act of 2026” or the “BLANCHE Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMPROMISE SETTLEMENTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 161 of title 28, United  
3 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 2414  
4 the following:

5 **“§ 2414a. Compromise settlements between the Presi-**  
6 **dent and the United States**

7 “(a) PROHIBITION.—In the case of any administra-  
8 tive claim, civil action, or other claim against the United  
9 States filed by the President (including a claim or civil  
10 action filed by an individual who assumed the Office of  
11 the President while such claim is pending), a covered  
12 agreement resolving such claim or action may not be en-  
13 tered into, and no action pursuant to such covered agree-  
14 ment may be taken, if, pursuant to such covered agree-  
15 ment—

16 “(1) the President (including after the Presi-  
17 dent leaves office), or

18 “(2) any third party, at the direction of the  
19 President,

20 would receive any payment by the United States, in cash  
21 or in kind, including for damages, reimbursement, or at-  
22 torneys’ fees.

23 “(b) INVALIDITY.—In the case of any administrative  
24 claim, civil action, or other claim against the United  
25 States filed by the President (including a claim or civil  
26 action filed by an individual who assumed the Office of

1 the President while such claim is pending), any covered  
2 agreement to resolve such claim or action is void ab initio  
3 unless such covered agreement is the subject of a court  
4 order giving it effect. A court of the United States may  
5 not issue such an order unless—

6 “(1) the President, if no such civil action has  
7 been filed, files a civil action before the court and  
8 files the proposed terms of the covered agreement  
9 with the court; and

10 “(2) the court conducts a hearing on the pro-  
11 posed terms of the covered agreement, with presen-  
12 tation of evidence by the parties, and thereafter en-  
13 ters the order giving effect to the terms of the cov-  
14 ered agreement, that includes explicit findings of the  
15 court that—

16 “(A) the parties to the action are adverse;

17 “(B) the action was not brought to force  
18 a covered agreement with the United States;

19 “(C) the United States made a good faith  
20 effort to explore available defenses to the claims  
21 at issue and has a reasonable legal basis for its  
22 decision to enter into the covered agreement;

23 “(D) the covered agreement is not—

24 “(i) collusive; or

