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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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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Block Lawless Agreements and Nullify Corrupt Handouts and Emoluments Act of 2026” or the “BLANCHE Act of 2026”.

### SEC. 2. COMPROMISE SETTLEMENTS.

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

**“§ 2414a. Compromise settlements between the President and the United States**

“(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the sitting President may not recover or agree to recover damages, reimbursement, payment of attorney’s fees, or any other payment, whether monetary or in kind, from the United States related to any administrative claim, civil action, or other claim against the United States through a settlement agreement, consent decree, administrative resolution of the claim, or similar arrangement or direct any such payment to a third party.

“(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any resolution of any administrative claim, civil action, or other claim brought by the sitting President against the United States through a settlement agreement, consent decree, administrative resolution of the claim, or similar arrangement between the sitting President and the United States, regardless of the date commenced or when the right of action accrued, shall be invalid and non-binding upon the United States, unless—

“(1) the President commences a civil action by filing a complaint with a United States district court with appropriate jurisdiction; and

“(2) the district court, following a hearing at which evidence is presented by the parties and any amicus curiae appointed by the court, makes a determination that—

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

“(B) the action was not brought to force a settlement with the United States;

“(C) the United States made a good faith effort to explore available defenses to the claims at issue and has a reasonable legal basis for its decision to settle the action;

“(D) the settlement is not collusive and itself a fraud on the court; and

“(E) the settlement is in the interest of justice.

“(c) This section shall apply to all resolutions entered into between a sitting President and the United States irrespective of the date the resolution was entered into.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 161 of title 28, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item related to section 2414 the following:

“2414a. Compromise settlements between the President and the United States.”.

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