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After subtitle G of title VIII, insert the following (and redesignate subtitle H as subtitle I):

Subtitle H—Travel on Private Aircraft by Senior Political Appointees

SECTION 8081. SHORT TITLE.

This subtitle may be cited as the “Stop Waste And Misuse by Presidential Flyers Landing Yet Evading Rules and Standards” or the “SWAMP FLYERS”.

SEC. 8082. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR TRAVEL ON PRIVATE AIRCRAFT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date of enactment of this subtitle, no Federal funds appropriated or otherwise made available in any fiscal year may be used to pay the travel expenses of any senior political appointee for travel on official business on a non-commercial, private, or chartered flight.

(b) EXCEPTIONS.—The limitation in subsection (a) shall not apply—
(1) if no commercial flight was available for the
tavel in question, consistent with subsection (c); or
(2) to any travel on aircraft owned or leased by
the Government.

(c) CERTIFICATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Any senior political ap-
pointee who travels on a non-commercial, private, or
chartered flight under the exception provided in sub-
section (b)(1) shall, not later than 30 days after the
date of such travel, submit a written statement to
Congress certifying that no commercial flight was
available.

(2) PENALTY.—Any statement submitted under
paragraph (1) shall be considered a statement for
purposes of applying section 1001 of title 18, United
States Code.

(d) DEFINITION OF SENIOR POLITICAL AP-
POINTEE.—In this subtitle, the term “senior political ap-
pointee” means any individual occupying—

(1) a position listed under the Executive Sched-
ule (subchapter II of chapter 53 of title 5, United
States Code);

(2) a Senior Executive Service position that is
not a career appointee as defined under section
3132(a)(4) of such title; or
(3) a position of a confidential or policy-determining character under schedule C of subpart C of part 213 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations.