AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MR. POSEY OF FLORIDA

Page 40, insert after line 6 the following:

SEC. 303. PROHIBITION RELATING TO CERTAIN FEDERAL BENEFITS FOR A FORMER PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, CABINET MEMBER, MEMBER OF CONGRESS, OR SENIOR CONGRESSIONAL EMPLOYEE WHO RECEIVES COMPENSATION AS A LOBBYST REPRESENTING FOREIGN PRINCIPAL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—A covered individual who is a registered lobbyist shall not be eligible for any covered benefits for any month—

(1) which begins after the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(2) in or for which such covered individual is—

(A) employed as a lobbyist who represents a foreign principal; and

(B) entitled to compensation as a lobbyist who represents a foreign principal.

(b) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—For purposes of this section, the term “covered individual” means an individual
who becomes a former President, a former Vice President, a former cabinet member, a former Member of Congress, or a former senior Congressional employee after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) COVERED BENEFITS.—For purposes of this section, the term “covered benefits”, as used with respect to a covered individual, means any payment or other benefit which is payable, by virtue of service performed by such covered individual, under any of the following:


(2) The Civil Service Retirement System, including the Thrift Savings Plan.

(3) The Federal Employees Retirement System, including the Thrift Savings Plan.

(4) The Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, including enhanced dental benefits and enhanced vision benefits under chapters 89A and 89B, respectively, of title 5, United States Code.


(d) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

(1) the term “cabinet member” includes the head of any Executive department (as that term is
defined in section 101 of title 5, United States Code);

(2) the term “Member of Congress” means a Senator, Member of the House of Representatives, or Delegate to the House of Representatives, and the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico;

(3) the term “senior Congressional employee” means—

(A) each officer or employee of the legislative branch (except any officer or employee of the Government Accountability Office) who, for at least 60 days, occupies a position for which the rate of basic pay is equal to or greater than 120 percent of the minimum rate of basic pay payable for GS–15 of the General Schedule;

(B) each officer or employee of the Government Accountability Office who, for at least 60 consecutive days, occupies a position for which the rate of basic pay, minus the amount of locality pay that would have been authorized under section 5304 of title 5, United States Code (had the officer or employee been paid under the General Schedule), for the locality within which the position of such officer or employee is located (as determined by the Comp-
troller General), is equal to or greater than 120
percent of the minimum rate of basic pay pay-
able for GS–15 of the General Schedule; and

(C) at least one principal assistant des-
ignated for purposes of this paragraph by each
Member who does not have an employee who
occupies a position for which the rate of basic
pay is equal to or greater than 120 percent of
the minimum rate of basic pay payable for GS–
15 of the General Schedule;

(4) the term “registered lobbyist” means—

(A) a lobbyist registered or required to
register, or on whose behalf a registration is
filed or required to be filed, under section 4 of
the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C.
1603); and

(B) an individual registered or required to
register as the agent of a foreign principal
under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of
1938, as amended (22 U.S.C. 611 et seq.);

(5) the term “lobbyist” has the meaning given
such term by section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure
Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1602); and
(6) the term "foreign principal" has the meaning given such term by section 1(b) of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 (22 U.S.C. 611(b)).

(e) Rule of Construction.—Nothing in this section shall be considered to prevent the payment of—

(1) any lump-sum credit, as defined by section 8331(8) or 8401(19) of title 5, United States Code, to which an individual is entitled;

(2) any amount in the account of an individual in the Thrift Savings Fund which, as of the date on which paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) are first met with respect to such individual, is non-forfeitable; or

(3) with respect to any former President affected by this section, amounts for purposes of carrying out section 3056(a)(3) of title 18, United States Code (relating to Secret Service protection for former Presidents and their spouses).

(f) Regulations.—Any regulations necessary to carry out this section may be prescribed—

(1) except as provided in paragraph (2), by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management; and

(2) to the extent that this Act relates to the Thrift Savings Plan, by the Executive Director (as
defined by section 8401(13) of title 5, United States Code).