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119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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

To prohibit the use of physical force by executive branch personnel against  
Members of Congress conducting oversight in their official capacity,  
and for other purposes.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to  
the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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personnel against Members of Congress conducting over-  
sight in their official capacity, and for other purposes.

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 “Congressional Over-  
5       sight Access Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FORCE AGAINST MEM-**  
2 **BERS OF CONGRESS.**

3 (a) PROHIBITED ACTIONS.—No officer, agent, con-  
4 tractor, or employee of the executive branch may use phys-  
5 ical force, detain, remove, or otherwise physically interfere  
6 with a Member of Congress who—

7 (1) is conducting a covered oversight activity;

8 (2) presents valid congressional identification or  
9 identifies themselves as a Member of Congress;

10 (3) is present in or on the premises of any fed-  
11 erally controlled property; and

12 (4) does not pose a clear and imminent physical  
13 threat to persons or property.

14 (b) APPLICATION.—Nothing in this section shall be  
15 construed to—

16 (1) exempt a Member of Congress from lawful  
17 security screening or building access procedures; or

18 (2) prevent action in response to a clear and  
19 imminent physical threat to persons or property.

20 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following defi-  
21 nitions apply:

22 (1) COVERED OVERSIGHT ACTIVITY.—The term  
23 “covered oversight activity” means any activity that  
24 includes the review, monitoring, supervision, inves-  
25 tigation, visitation, whether scheduled or unsched-  
26 uled, by a Member of Congress acting in their offi-

1        cial capacity, with respect to the execution of laws,  
2        compliance with court orders, or the administration  
3        of Federal programs, policies, or operations.

4            (2) FEDERALLY CONTROLLED PROPERTY.—The  
5        term “federally controlled property” means any  
6        building, land, or other real property owned, leased,  
7        operated, occupied, or used under contract, coopera-  
8        tive agreement, or intergovernmental service agree-  
9        ment by the Federal Government or any executive  
10       branch agency (including detention centers and field-  
11       control sites).