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119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. DELUZIO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Oversight Access Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON RESTRICTING ACCESS OF MEM-**
2 **BERS OF CONGRESS TO IMMIGRATION DE-**
3 **TENTION FACILITIES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
5 rity may not—

6 (1) prevent a Member of Congress, or an em-
7 ployee of the United States House of Representa-
8 tives or the United States Senate accompanying
9 such Member, from entering, for the purpose of con-
10 ducting oversight, any facility operated by or for the
11 Department of Homeland Security used to detain or
12 otherwise house aliens;

13 (2) require prior notice from a Member of Con-
14 gress or an employee described in paragraph (1) of
15 the intent to enter such a facility for the purpose of
16 conducting oversight; or

17 (3) make any temporary modification at any
18 such facility that in any way alters what is observed
19 by a visiting Member of Congress or such employee,
20 compared to what would be observed in the absence
21 of such modification.

22 (b) REPORT.—The Inspector General of the Depart-
23 ment of Homeland Security shall report to the Committees
24 on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the
25 Senate within 30 days if the Inspector General determines

- 1 that the Secretary of Homeland Security materially failed
- 2 to comply with the requirements of this section.