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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “End of Debtor’s Prison
3 Act of 2016”.

4 **SEC. 2. CONTRACTS WITH PROBATION COMPANIES.**

5 (a) **LIMITATION ON BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE
6 GRANTS.—**

7 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**Section 501 of the Omnibus
8 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42
9 U.S.C. 3750) is amended by adding at the end the
10 following:

11 “(h) **PROHIBITED RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS.—**

12 “(1) **IN GENERAL.—**No Federal funds may be
13 made available under this subpart, including through
14 subawards, to any State or unit of local government
15 that has a contract with a person who—

16 “(A) under such contract, collects fees and
17 fines imposed by a State or local court on a
18 pay-only probationer; and

19 “(B) collects from such probationer a fee
20 that is imposed with respect to such collection.

21 “(2) **PAY-ONLY PROBATIONER DEFINED.—**The
22 term ‘pay-only probationer’ means an individual who
23 is placed on probation due to the failure of the indi-
24 vidual to pay any part of a fine or fee imposed by
25 a State or local court.”.

1 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made
2 by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to grants
3 made in or after the fiscal year which begins after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act.

5 (b) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 522(a) of the Omni-
7 bus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42
8 U.S.C. 3766b(a)) is amended—

9 (A) in paragraph (4), by striking “and” at
10 the end;

11 (B) by redesignating paragraph (5) as
12 paragraph (6); and

13 (C) by inserting after paragraph (4) the
14 following:

15 “(5) for the State and each unit of local govern-
16 ment in the State for such year, a list of the persons
17 with which such State or unit of local government
18 had a contract under which the person assisted in
19 administering a probation ordered by a State or
20 local court during such year and, for each such per-
21 son—

22 “(A) the amount payable by the State or
23 unit of local government to such person for
24 such assistance during such year; and

1 “(B) whether the person collected a fee
2 from a pay-only probationer (as such term is
3 defined in section 501(h)(2)) with respect to
4 such assistance; and”.

5 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
6 by paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to reports
7 submitted for years beginning after the date of the
8 enactment of this Act.