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H. R. 171

To require the inspector general of the Department of Transportation to conduct an audit on the use of Federal funds by certain entities providing public transportation, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MALLIOTAKIS (for herself and Mr. GOTTHEIMER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Make Transportation
5 Authorities Accountable and Transparent Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INSPECTOR GENERAL AUDIT ON PUBLIC TRANS-**
2 **PORTATION CORONAVIRUS RELIEF SPEND-**
3 **ING.**

4 (a) INSPECTOR GENERAL AUDIT.—

5 (1) AUDIT REQUIRED.—The inspector general
6 of the Department of Transportation shall conduct
7 an audit of funds provided to each specified transit
8 agency under the applicable laws during the 5 fiscal
9 years ending before the date of enactment of this
10 Act.

11 (2) CONTENTS OF AUDIT.—The audit con-
12 ducted under paragraph (1) shall include the
13 amount of funds received under each of the applica-
14 ble laws and a description of how such funds were
15 spent.

16 (3) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
17 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the
18 inspector general shall submit to Congress a report
19 containing the results of the audit.

20 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

21 (1) APPLICABLE LAWS.—The term “applicable
22 laws” means the following:

23 (A) Chapter 53 of title 49, United States
24 Code.

1 (B) The Coronavirus Preparedness and
2 Response Supplemental Appropriations Act,
3 2020.

4 (C) The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Eco-
5 nomic Security Act.

6 (D) The Consolidated Appropriations Act,
7 2021.

8 (E) The American Rescue Plan Act of
9 2021.

10 (2) PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.—The term
11 “public transportation” has the meaning given the
12 term in section 5302 of title 49, United States Code.

13 (3) SPECIFIED TRANSIT AGENCY.—The term
14 “specified transit agency” means the 5 entities pro-
15 viding public transportation with the most unlinked
16 passenger trips for calendar year 2019, as reported
17 to the National Transit Database, that received Fed-
18 eral funds under any of the applicable laws.

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