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To prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from allowing IRS personnel to use a personal device, including a mobile device, to access, process, transmit, or store taxpayer information.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 2, 2024

Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. TILLIS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Ensuring No Devices
5 Bear Your Own Data Act” or the “END BYOD Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING IRS PERSONNEL FROM USING PER-**
2 **SONAL DEVICES FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary may not establish,
4 permit, or administer any program (regardless of whether
5 such program was established before, on, or after the date
6 of enactment of this Act) which allows any individual de-
7 scribed in subsection (b) to use a personal device to access,
8 process, transmit, or store any taxpayer information which
9 is subject to restrictions on disclosure pursuant to section
10 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

11 (b) **COVERED INDIVIDUALS.**—An individual is de-
12 scribed in this subsection if such individual is—

13 (1) an employee of the Internal Revenue Serv-
14 ice;

15 (2) an employee of an entity that is a party to
16 a contract with the Internal Revenue Service whose
17 job duties involve working under such contract; or

18 (3) a volunteer with the Internal Revenue Serv-
19 ice.

20 (c) **OTHER DEFINITIONS.**—In this section—

21 (1) **PERSONAL DEVICE.**—The term “personal
22 device” means any electronic device (including mo-
23 bile devices, smartphones, tablet computing devices,
24 or laptop computing devices) which—

25 (A) is the personal property of an indi-
26 vidual described in subsection (b);

1 (B) has not been furnished to an individual
2 described in subsection (b) by the Internal Rev-
3 enue Service or any other Federal agency; or

4 (C) in the case of an individual described
5 in subsection (b)(2), has not been furnished to
6 such individual by their employer (except in the
7 case of an individual who is self-employed).

8 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of the Treasury or the Secretary’s del-
10 egate.

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