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113TH CONGRESS
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To amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for transparency of payments made from the Judgment Fund.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GARDNER 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 “Judgment Fund
5 Transparency Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. JUDGMENT FUND TRANSPARENCY.**

7 (a) **TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENT.**—Section 1304
8 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by adding at
9 the end the following new subsection:

1 “(d) Unless the disclosure of such information is oth-
2 erwise prohibited by law or court order, the Secretary of
3 the Treasury shall make available to the public on a
4 website, as soon as practicable but not later than 30 days
5 after a payment under this section is tendered, the fol-
6 lowing information with regard to that payment:

7 “(1) The name of the specific Federal agency
8 or entity whose actions gave rise to the claim or
9 judgment.

10 “(2) The name of the plaintiff or claimant.

11 “(3) The name of counsel for the plaintiff or
12 claimant.

13 “(4) The amount paid representing principal li-
14 ability, and any amounts paid representing any an-
15 cillary liability, including attorney fees, costs, and
16 interest.

17 “(5) A brief description of the facts that gave
18 rise to the claim.

19 “(6) A copy of the original or amended com-
20 plaint or written claim, and any written answer
21 given by the Federal Government to that complaint
22 or claim.

23 “(7) A copy of the final action by a court re-
24 garding the claim (whether by decree, approval of

1 settlement, or otherwise), or of the settlement agree-
2 ment in any action not involving a court.

3 “(8) The name of the agency that submitted
4 the claim.”.

5 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of the Treas-
6 ury shall implement the amendment made by this section
7 beginning not later than 60 days after the date of the en-
8 actment of this Act.