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Opening Statement
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H.R.XX, the Settlement Agreement Information Database Act

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This bill would require the Office of Budget Management to establish and maintain a public database of all settlement agreements.

Each agency would be required to submit all information pertaining to the settlement agreement and consent decrees.

OMB is also required to issue guidance on how to implement the database and submission deadlines.

Additionally, this bill allows settlement agreement cases to be publicly available up to five years after the termination of the settlement agreement.

The Settlement Agreement Information Database Act creates more transparency with settlement agreements.

My colleague Mr. Cartwright proposed a very similar bill last Congress that this very Committee voted to pass.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

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