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114TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GOSAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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. SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT THE PRESIDENT**  
4 **SHOULD REVOKE THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL**  
5 **OF FREEDOM AWARDED TO BILL COSBY.**

6 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1           (1) Established in 1963 and bestowed by the  
2           President of the United States, the Presidential  
3           Medal of Freedom is the highest civilian honor of  
4           our nation.

5           (2) The Presidential Medal of Freedom is  
6           awarded to recipients for “especially meritorious  
7           contributions to the security or national interests of  
8           the United States, to world peace, or to cultural or  
9           other significant public or private endeavors”.

10          (3) William Henry “Bill” Cosby, Jr. (in this  
11          subsection referred to as “Cosby”) received the  
12          Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2002.

13          (4) In recent months, more than 50 women  
14          have come forward and conveyed disturbing accounts  
15          of sexual assault and drugging by Cosby.

16          (5) The statute of limitations has expired for  
17          many of these incidents, and as a result, the major-  
18          ity of these women will never get their day in court.

19          (6) According to the New York Daily News,  
20          court documents obtained by the Associated Press  
21          on Monday, July 7, 2015, revealed that “Cosby ad-  
22          mitted under oath that he bought Quaaludes to dope  
23          the women he wanted to grope—and slipped the sed-  
24          ative to at least one lady and ‘other people’ ”.



1 shall be fined under this title or imprisoned for not more  
2 than one year, or both.”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
4 at the beginning of chapter 33 of title 18, United States  
5 Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to  
6 section 716 the following:

“717. Revoked Presidential Medal of Freedom.”.