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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. SCHATZ introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 "Keeping Workers Safe5 Act".

1 SEC. 2. PUBLICIZING LARGE OSHA PENALTIES.

2 Section 17 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act
3 of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 666) is amended by adding at the end
4 the following:

5 "(m) DISCLOSURE OF LARGE CIVIL PENALTIES.—

6 "(1) IN GENERAL.—For each enforcement ac-7 tion against an employer in which the Secretary has 8 assessed civil penalties in an amount greater than 9 \$60,000, or where multiple serious or repeated 10 other-than-serious violations are present, the Sec-11 retary shall issue a notice to the public regarding 12 the enforcement action not later than 7 days after 13 the date on which the citation is issued.

14 "(2) DISTRIBUTION.—The Secretary shall en-15 sure that a notice to the public issued under para-16 graph (1) is distributed to relevant regional and 17 local newspapers in the region in which the employer 18 subject to the enforcement action is located, associ-19 ated trade or industry organizations, relevant labor 20 organizations, and relevant State and local govern-21 ment entities.".