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At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 SEC. _____ LIMITATION OF GOVERNMENT TRAVEL COSTS.

3 (a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “agency”—

4 (1) has the meaning given under section 5701(1) of title 5, United States Code; and

5 (2) does not include the Department of Defense.

9 (b) LIMITATION.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the total amount which is paid or reimbursed by an agency under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code (relating
to travel and subsistence expenses; mileage allowances for official travel by Federal employees) may not—

(A) for each of fiscal years 2013 and 2014, exceed 50 percent of the total amount so paid or reimbursed by such agency for fiscal year 2012; and

(B) for fiscal year 2015, exceed 25 percent of the total amount so paid or reimbursed by such agency for fiscal year 2012.

(2) EXCEPTIONS.—For purposes of carrying out paragraph (1), there shall not be taken into account the amounts paid or reimbursed for—

(A) any subsistence or travel expenses for threatened law enforcement personnel, as described in section 5706a of title 5, United States Code; or

(B) any other expenses for which an exception is established under paragraph (3) for reasons relating to national security or public safety.

(3) REGULATIONS.—Any regulations necessary to carry out this subsection shall, in consultation with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, be prescribed by the same respective au-
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authorities as are responsible for prescribing regulations under section 5707 of title 5, United States Code.

(c) RESERVE TRAVEL AMOUNT.—

(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term "reserve travel amount" means an amount equal to 10 percent of the total amount of appropriations made available to an agency in any fiscal year for purposes of payment or reimbursement by that agency under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code (relating to travel and subsistence expenses; mileage allowances for official travel by Federal employees).

(2) REQUIREMENT.—For each of fiscal years 2013 through 2015, each agency shall have a reserve travel amount available for expenditure or obligation on September 1 of each such fiscal year for purposes of payment or reimbursement by that agency under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code (relating to travel and subsistence expenses; mileage allowances for official travel by Federal employees).