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H. R. 4142

To prohibit United States foreign assistance to countries that restrict the transport or delivery of United States humanitarian assistance to other countries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEHMAN (for himself, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. MOORHEAD, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. TORRES, Mr. ANDREWS of New Jersey, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. KLEIN, and Mr. MENENDEZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To prohibit United States foreign assistance to countries that restrict the transport or delivery of United States humanitarian assistance to other countries.

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 “Humanitarian Aid
5 Corridor Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The United States is entering a new era in
2 foreign assistance wherein the Federal budget deficit
3 and spending constraints require the maximum
4 usage of each foreign aid dollar.

5 (2) The delivery of humanitarian assistance to
6 people in need is consistent with the fundamental
7 values of our Nation and its people and is a vital
8 component of United States foreign policy.

9 (3) As a matter of principle and in furtherance
10 of fiscal prudence, the United States must seek to
11 promote the delivery of humanitarian assistance to
12 people in need in a manner that is both timely and
13 cost effective.

14 (4) As a matter of United States policy in the
15 allocation of United States foreign assistance or
16 other benefits, countries that are themselves the re-
17 cipients of such foreign assistance should be ex-
18 pected to act in a manner that neither hinders nor
19 delays the efficient transport or delivery of United
20 States humanitarian assistance to other countries.

1 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TO COUN-**
2 **TRIES THAT RESTRICT THE TRANSPORT OR**
3 **DELIVERY OF UNITED STATES HUMANI-**
4 **TARIAN ASSISTANCE TO OTHER COUNTRIES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
6 sion of law, funds appropriated or otherwise made avail-
7 able for foreign assistance programs for a fiscal year may
8 not be used to provide assistance or other benefits to any
9 country for that portion of such fiscal year during which
10 the government of such country prohibits or otherwise re-
11 stricts the transport or delivery of United States humani-
12 tarian assistance to any other country.

13 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—(1) The prohibition on assistance
14 contained in subsection (a) shall not apply with respect
15 to a country for a fiscal year if the President determines
16 that providing such assistance—

17 (A) is in the national interest of the United
18 States; or

19 (B) will, subject to paragraph (2), benefit di-
20 rectly non-military personnel, including refugees,
21 who are in immediate risk of danger resulting from
22 a natural or man-made disaster.

23 (2) Assistance provided under paragraph (1)(B)—

24 (A) shall be in the form of humanitarian assist-
25 ance; and

1 (B) shall be distributed directly to non-military
2 personnel or distributed to such personnel through
3 international relief organizations.

4 (c) NOTIFICATION OF CONGRESS.—The President
5 shall notify the Congress of any determination made under
6 subparagraph (A) or (B) of subsection (b)(1) to provide
7 assistance to a country 15 days before providing such as-
8 sistance to such country.

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