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AN ACT

To amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to improve the ability of the United States to advance religious freedom globally through enhanced diplomacy, training, counterterrorism, and foreign assistance efforts, and through stronger and more flexible political responses to religious freedom violations and violent extremism worldwide, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

2 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
 3 “Frank R. Wolf International Religious Freedom Act”.

4 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for
 5 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1: Short title and table of contents.

Sec. 2: Findings; Policy.

Sec. 3: Definitions.

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF STATE ACTIVITIES

Sec. 101: Office on International Religious Freedom; Ambassador at Large for
 International Religious Freedom.

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 ligious freedom.

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**TITLE V—DESIGNATED PERSONS LIST FOR PARTICULARLY
 SEVERE VIOLATIONS OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

Sec. 501: Designated Persons List for Particularly Severe Violations of Reli-
 gious Freedom.

TITLE VI—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Sec. 601: Miscellaneous provisions.

Sec. 602: Clerical amendments.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; POLICY.**

7 (a) **FINDINGS.**—Section 2(a) of the International Re-
 8 ligious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6401(a)) is
 9 amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (3), by inserting immediately
 2 prior to the penultimate sentence the following new
 3 sentence: “The freedom of thought, conscience, and
 4 religion is understood to protect theistic and non-
 5 theistic beliefs as well as the right not to profess or
 6 practice any religion.”; and

7 (2) in paragraph (6)—

8 (A) by inserting “and the specific targeting
 9 of non-theists, humanists, and atheists because
 10 of their beliefs” after “religious persecution”;
 11 and

12 (B) by inserting “and in regions where
 13 non-state actors exercise significant political
 14 power and influence” after “religious majori-
 15 ties”.

16 (b) **POLICY.**—Section 2(b) of the International Reli-
 17 gious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6401(b)) is amend-
 18 ed by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

19 “(6) Because the promotion of international re-
 20 ligious freedom protects human rights, advances de-
 21 mocracy abroad, and advances United States inter-
 22 ests in stability, security, and development globally,
 23 the promotion of international religious freedom re-
 24 quires new and evolving policies, and diplomatic re-
 25 sponses that are drawn from the expertise of the na-

1 tional security agencies, the diplomatic services, and
 2 other governmental agencies and nongovernmental
 3 organizations, and are coordinated across and ear-
 4 ried out by the entire range of Federal agencies.”.

5 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

6 Section 3 of the International Religious Freedom Act
 7 of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6402) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (13)—

9 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

10 (i) by redesignating clauses (iv) and
 11 (v) as clauses (v) and (vi), respectively;
 12 and

13 (ii) by inserting after clause (iii) the
 14 following:

15 “(iv) not professing a particular reli-
 16 gion, or any religion;”, and

17 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

18 (i) by inserting “conscience, non-the-
 19 istic views, or” before “religious belief or
 20 practice”; and

21 (ii) by inserting after “forced religious
 22 conversion” the following: “, forcibly com-
 23 pelling non-believers or non-theists to re-
 24 ceant their beliefs or to convert”; and

1 (2) by adding at the end, the following new
2 paragraphs:

3 “(14) SPECIAL WATCH LIST.—The term ‘Spe-
4 cial Watch List’ means the Special Watch List as
5 contained in the Executive Summary to the Annual
6 Report and described in section 102(b)(1)(F)(iii).

7 “(15) NON-STATE ACTOR.—The term ‘non-state
8 actor’ means a nonsovereign entity that exercises
9 significant political power and is able to exert influ-
10 ence at a national or international level but does not
11 belong to or ally itself to any particular country and
12 often employs illegal violence in pursuit of its objec-
13 tives.

14 “(16) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—
15 The term ‘institution of higher education’ has the
16 meaning given that term in section 101 of the High-
17 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)”.
18

19 **TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF** **STATE ACTIVITIES**

20 **SEC. 101. OFFICE ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREE-**
21 **DOM; AMBASSADOR AT LARGE FOR INTER-**
22 **NATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 101 of the International
24 Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6411) is
25 amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by adding at the end before the period the following: “, and shall report directly to the Secretary of State”;

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking “responsibility” and inserting “responsibilities”;

(ii) by striking “shall be to advance” and inserting the following: “shall be to—
“(A) advance”;

(iii) in subparagraph (A) (as so added), by striking the period at the end and inserting “, and”; and

(iv) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(B) integrate United States international religious freedom policies and strategies into the foreign policy efforts of the United States.”;

(B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “the principal adviser to” before “the Secretary of State”;

(C) in paragraph (3)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at the end;

1 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
2 the period at the end and inserting “;
3 and”; and

4 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing new subparagraph:

6 “(C) contacts with nongovernmental orga-
7 nizations that have an impact on the state of
8 religious freedom in their respective societies or
9 regions, or internationally.”;

10 (D) by redesignating paragraph (4) as
11 paragraph (5); and

12 (E) by inserting after paragraph (3) the
13 following new paragraph:

14 “(4) COORDINATION RESPONSIBILITIES.—In
15 order to promote religious freedom as an interest of
16 United States foreign policy, the Ambassador at
17 Large—

18 “(A) shall coordinate international reli-
19 gious freedom policies across all programs,
20 projects, and activities of the United States;
21 and

22 “(B) should participate in any interagency
23 processes on issues in which the promotion of
24 international religious freedom policy can ad-
25 vance United States national security interests;

1 including in democracy promotion, stability, se-
2 curity, and development globally.”; and

3 ~~(3)~~ in subsection (d), by striking “staff for the
4 Office” and all that follows through the period at
5 the end and inserting “individuals to fill at least 25
6 full-time equivalent staff positions, and any other
7 temporary staff positions as needed to compile, edit,
8 and manage the Annual Report under the direct su-
9 pervision of the Ambassador at Large, and for the
10 conduct of investigations by the Office and for nec-
11 essary travel to carry out the provisions of this Act.
12 The Secretary of State should also provide to the
13 Ambassador at Large funds that are sufficient to
14 carry out the duties described in this section, includ-
15 ing as necessary representation funds, in amounts
16 comparable to those provided to other Ambassadors
17 at Large in the Department of State.”.

18 ~~(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.~~—Because international re-
19 ligious freedom is a vital foreign policy interest and one
20 that needs coordination across many regional bureaus and
21 among Special Envoys and Special Representatives with
22 overlapping mandates, the Secretary of State should con-
23 sider elevating the office of International Religious Free-
24 dom and the position of the Ambassador at Large for
25 International Religious Freedom to the Office of the Sec-

1 retary, similar to other Ambassador at Large positions
 2 that now report directly to the Secretary. Providing the
 3 Office of International Religious Freedom with additional
 4 resources and status will demonstrate both the strategic
 5 importance of international religious freedom policy within
 6 the State Department bureaucracy and show persecuted
 7 religious groups globally that the United States gives pri-
 8 ority to the protection and promotion of international reli-
 9 gious freedom as mandated by the International Religious
 10 Freedom Act of 1998.

11 **SEC. 102. ANNUAL REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS**
 12 **FREEDOM.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 102(b)(1) of the Inter-
 14 national Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C.
 15 6412(b)(1)) is amended—

16 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
 17 by striking “September 1” and inserting “May 1”;

18 (2) in subparagraph (A)—

19 (A) by redesignating clause (iv) as clause
 20 (vii); and

21 (B) by inserting after clause (iii) the fol-
 22 lowing new clauses:

23 “(iv) particularly severe violations of
 24 religious freedom in that country in the
 25 case of a foreign country with respect to

1 which a government does not exist or the
2 government does not control its territory;

3 “(v) an identification of prisoners in
4 that country pursuant to section 108;

5 “(vi) any action taken by the govern-
6 ment of that country to censor religious
7 content, communications, or worship activi-
8 ties online, including descriptions of the
9 targeted religious group, the content, com-
10 munication, or activities censored, and the
11 means used.”;

12 ~~(3)~~ in subparagraph (B), in the matter pre-
13 ceding clause (i)—

14 (A) by inserting “persecution of lawyers,
15 politicians, or other human rights advocates
16 seeking to defend the rights of members of reli-
17 gious groups or highlight religious freedom vio-
18 lations, prohibitions on ritual animal slaughter
19 or male infant circumcision,” after “entire reli-
20 gions,”; and

21 (B) by inserting “policies that ban or re-
22 strict the public manifestation of religious belief
23 and the peaceful involvement of religious groups
24 or their members in the political life of each
25 such foreign country,” after “such groups,”;

1 (4) in subparagraph (C)—

2 (A) by striking “A description” and insert-
3 ing “A comprehensive description”;

4 (B) by striking “policies in support” and
5 inserting “diplomatic and political coordination
6 efforts, and other policies in support”; and

7 (C) by adding at the end before the period
8 the following: “; and a comprehensive and coun-
9 try-specific analysis of the impact of actions by
10 the United States on the status of religious
11 freedom in each such country”; and

12 (5) in subparagraph (F)—

13 (A) in clause (i)—

14 (i) by striking “section 402(b)(1)”
15 and inserting “section 402(b)(1)(B)(i)”;
16 and

17 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-
18 lowing: “Any country in which a non-state
19 actor designated as an entity of particular
20 concern for religious freedom under section
21 301 of the Frank R. Wolf International
22 Religious Freedom Act is located shall be
23 included in this section of the report.”; and

24 (B) by adding at the end the following new
25 clause:

1 “(iii) ~~SPECIAL WATCH LIST.~~—A list,
 2 to be known as the ‘Special Watch List’,
 3 which shall identify each country that en-
 4 gages in or tolerates severe violations of re-
 5 ligious freedom during the previous year
 6 but which the President determines does
 7 not meet, at the time of the publication of
 8 the Annual Report, all of the criteria de-
 9 scribed in section ~~3(11)~~ for designation
 10 under section 402(b)(1).”.

11 (b) ~~SENSE OF CONGRESS.~~—It is the sense of Con-
 12 gress that—

13 (1) the original intent of the International Reli-
 14 gious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6401 et seq.)
 15 was to require annual reports from both the Depart-
 16 ment of State and the Commission on International
 17 Religious Freedom to be delivered each year, during
 18 the same calendar year, and with at least 5 months
 19 separating these reports, in order to provide updated
 20 information for policy-makers, Members of Congress,
 21 and nongovernmental organizations; and

22 (2) given that the annual Country Reports on
 23 Human Rights Practices no longer contain updated
 24 information on religious freedom conditions globally,
 25 it is important that the Department of State and the

1 Commission work together to fulfill the original in-
 2 tent of the International Religious Freedom Act of
 3 1998.

4 **SEC. 103. TRAINING FOR FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS; RE-**
 5 **PORT.**

6 (a) AMENDMENT TO FOREIGN SERVICE ACT OF
 7 1980.—Section 708 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980
 8 (22 U.S.C. 4028) is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating subsections (b) and (c) as
 10 subsections (d) and (e), respectively;

11 (2) in subsection (d), as redesignated, by strik-
 12 ing “The Secretary of State” and inserting “REFU-
 13 GEES.—The Secretary of State”;

14 (3) in subsection (e), as redesignated, by strik-
 15 ing “The Secretary of State” and inserting “CHILD
 16 SOLDIERS.—The Secretary of State”;

17 (4) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the
 18 following:

19 “(a) DEVELOPMENT OF CURRICULUM.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State
 21 shall develop a curriculum for training United States
 22 Foreign Service officers in the scope and strategic
 23 value of international religious freedom, how viola-
 24 tions of international religious freedom harm funda-
 25 mental United States interests, how the advance-

1 ment of international religious freedom can advance
2 such interests, how United States international reli-
3 gious freedom policy should be carried out in prac-
4 tice by United States diplomats and other Foreign
5 Service officers, and the relevance and relationship
6 of international religious freedom to United States
7 defense, diplomacy, development, and public affairs
8 efforts. The Secretary of State shall ensure the
9 availability of sufficient resources to develop and im-
10 plement such curriculum.

11 “(2) ROLE OF OTHER OFFICIALS.—The Sec-
12 retary of State shall carry out paragraph (1)—

13 “(A) with the assistance of the Ambas-
14 sador at Large for International Religious
15 Freedom appointed under section 101(b) of the
16 International Religious Freedom Act of 1998;

17 “(B) in coordination with the Director of
18 the George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs
19 Training Center and other Federal officials as
20 appropriate; and

21 “(C) in consultation with the United
22 States Commission on International Religious
23 Freedom established in section 201(a) of the
24 International Religious Freedom Act of 1998
25 and other relevant stakeholders.

1 “(b) TRAINING PROGRAM.—Not later than the date
2 that is 1 year after the date of the enactment of the Frank
3 R. Wolf International Religious Freedom Act, the Director
4 of the George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training
5 Center shall begin mandatory training on religious free-
6 dom for all Foreign Service officers, including all entry
7 level officers, all officers prior to departure for posting
8 outside the United States, and all outgoing deputy chiefs
9 of mission and ambassadors. Such training shall, at min-
10 imum, be a separate, independent, and required segment
11 of each of the following:

12 “(1) The A-100 course attended by all Foreign
13 Service officers.

14 “(2) The courses required of every Foreign
15 Service officer prior to a posting outside the United
16 States, with segments tailored to the particular reli-
17 gious demography, religious freedom conditions, and
18 United States strategies for advancing religious free-
19 dom, in each receiving country.

20 “(3) The courses required of all outgoing dep-
21 uty chiefs of mission and ambassadors.

22 “(c) INFORMATION SHARING.—The curriculum and
23 training materials developed pursuant to subsections (a)
24 and (b) should be made available to all other Federal
25 agencies.”.

1 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
 2 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, with
 3 the assistance of the Ambassador at Large for Inter-
 4 national Religious Freedom, and the Director of the
 5 George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training Cen-
 6 ter, shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
 7 the House of Representatives and the Committee on For-
 8 eign Relations of the Senate a report containing a com-
 9 prehensive plan for undertaking training for Foreign Serv-
 10 ice officers as required under section 708 of the Foreign
 11 Services Act of 1980, as amended by subsection (a) of this
 12 section.

13 **SEC. 104. PRISONER LISTS AND ISSUE BRIEFS ON RELI-**
 14 **GIUS FREEDOM CONCERNS.**

15 Section 108 of the International Religious Freedom
 16 Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6417) is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “faith” and
 18 inserting “activities, religious freedom advocacy, or
 19 efforts to protect and advance the universally recog-
 20 nized right to the freedom of religion,”;

21 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “, as appro-
 22 priate, provide” and insert “make available”; and

23 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 24 section:

1 “(d) VICTIMS LIST MAINTAINED BY THE UNITED
2 STATES COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS
3 FREEDOM.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall
5 make publicly available online and in official publica-
6 tions lists of persons it determines are imprisoned,
7 detained, disappeared, placed under house arrest,
8 tortured, or subject to forced renunciations of faith
9 for their religious activity or religious freedom advo-
10 cacy by the government of a foreign country that the
11 Commission recommends for designation as a coun-
12 try of particular concern for religious freedom under
13 section 402(b)(1) or by a non-state actor that the
14 Commission recommends for designation as an enti-
15 ty of particular concern for religious freedom under
16 section 301 of the Frank R. Wolf International Reli-
17 gious Freedom Act and include as much publicly
18 available information as possible on the conditions
19 and circumstances of such persons.

20 “(2) DISCRETION.—In compiling such lists, the
21 Commission shall exercise all appropriate discretion,
22 including consideration of the safety and security of,
23 and benefit to, the persons who may be included on
24 the lists and the families of such persons.”.

1 **TITLE II—NATIONAL SECURITY**
2 **COUNCIL**

3 **SEC. 201. SPECIAL ADVISER FOR INTERNATIONAL RELI-**
4 **GIOUS FREEDOM.**

5 Section 101 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50
6 U.S.C. 3021) is amended by striking subsection (k) and
7 inserting the following:

8 “(k) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
9 gress that there should be within the staff of the National
10 Security Council a Special Adviser to the President on
11 International Religious Freedom, whose position should be
12 comparable to that of a director within the Executive Of-
13 fice of the President, with the primary responsibility to
14 serve as a resource for executive branch officials on inter-
15 national religious freedom, compiling and maintaining in-
16 formation on the facts and circumstances of violations of
17 religious freedom (as defined in section 3 of the Inter-
18 national Religious Freedom Act of 1998), and making rel-
19 evant policy recommendations to advance United States
20 international religious freedom policy. The Special Advisor
21 should also assist the Ambassador at Large to coordinate
22 international religious freedom policies and strategies
23 throughout the executive branch and within any inter-
24 agency policy committees where the Ambassador at Large
25 participates.”.

1 **TITLE III—PRESIDENTIAL**
2 **ACTIONS**

3 **SEC. 301. NON-STATE ACTOR DESIGNATIONS.**

4 (a) ~~IN GENERAL.~~—The President shall, concurrent
5 with the annual foreign country review required by section
6 402(b)(1) of the International Religious Freedom Act of
7 1998 (~~22 U.S.C. 6442(b)(1)~~)—

8 (1) review and identify any non-state actors op-
9 erating in any such reviewed country or surrounding
10 region that have engaged in particularly severe viola-
11 tions of religious freedom; and

12 (2) designate, in a manner consistent with such
13 Act, each such non-state actor as an entity of par-
14 ticular concern for religious freedom.

15 (b) ~~REPORT.~~—Whenever the President designates a
16 non-state actor under subsection (a) as an entity of par-
17 ticular concern for religious freedom, the President shall,
18 as soon as practicable after the designation is made, sub-
19 mit to the appropriate congressional committees a report
20 detailing the reasons for such designation.

21 (c) ~~ACTIONS.~~—The President should take specific ac-
22 tions to address severe violations of religious freedom of
23 non-state actors that are designated under subsection (a),
24 including taking actions commensurate to those actions

1 described in section 405 of the International Religious
2 Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6445).

3 (d) DEPARTMENT OF STATE ANNUAL REPORT.—The
4 Secretary of State should include information detailing the
5 reasons the President designated a non-state actor as an
6 entity of particular concern for religious freedom under
7 subsection (a) in the Annual Report required in section
8 102(b)(1) of the International Religious Freedom Act of
9 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6442(b)(1)).

10 (e) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
11 gress that the Secretary of State should work with Con-
12 gress to create new political, financial, and diplomatic
13 tools to address severe violations of religious freedom by
14 non-state actors and to update the actions the President
15 can take in section 405 of the International Religious
16 Freedom Act of 1998.

17 (f) DETERMINATIONS OF RESPONSIBLE PARTIES.—
18 In order to appropriately target Presidential actions under
19 the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 in re-
20 sponse, the President shall with respect to each non-state
21 actor designated as an entity of particular concern for reli-
22 gious freedom under subsection (a), seek to determine the
23 specific officials or members thereof that are responsible
24 for the particularly severe violations of religious freedom
25 engaged in or tolerated by that entity.

1 (g) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section, the terms “appro-
 2 priate congressional committees”, “non-state actor”, and
 3 “particularly severe violations of religious freedom” have
 4 the meanings given such terms in section 3 of the Inter-
 5 national Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C.
 6 6402), as amended by section 3 of this Act.

7 **SEC. 302. PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO PAR-**
 8 **TICULARLY SEVERE VIOLATIONS OF RELI-**
 9 **GIOUS FREEDOM.**

10 Section 402 of the International Religious Freedom
 11 Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6442) is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (b)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1)—

14 (i) by amending subparagraph (A) to
 15 read as follows:

16 “(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 90
 17 days after the date on which each Annual Re-
 18 port is submitted under section 102(b), the
 19 President shall—

20 “(i) review the status of religious free-
 21 dom in each foreign country to determine
 22 whether the government of that country
 23 has engaged in or tolerated particularly se-
 24 vere violations of religious freedom in each

1 such country during the preceding 12
2 months or longer; and

3 “(ii) designate each country the gov-
4 ernment of which has engaged in or toler-
5 ated violations described in clause (i) as a
6 country of particular concern for religious
7 freedom.”; and

8 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking
9 “September 1 of the respective year” and
10 inserting “the date on which each Annual
11 Report is submitted under section 102(b)”;
12 (B) by amending paragraph (3) to read as

13 follows:

14 “(3) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Whenever the Presi-
16 dent designates a country as a country of par-
17 ticular concern for religious freedom under
18 paragraph (1)(A), the President shall, not later
19 than 90 days after the designation is made,
20 transmit to the appropriate congressional com-
21 mittees—

22 “(i) the designation of the country;
23 signed by the President;

1 “(ii) the identification, if any, of re-
 2 sponsible parties determined under para-
 3 graph (2); and

4 “(iii) a description of the actions
 5 taken under subsection (c); the purposes of
 6 the actions taken; and the effectiveness of
 7 the actions taken.

8 “(B) REMOVAL OF DESIGNATION.—A
 9 country that is designated as a country of par-
 10 ticular concern for religious freedom under
 11 paragraph (1)(A) shall retain such designation
 12 until the President determines and reports to
 13 the appropriate congressional committees that
 14 the country should no longer be so des-
 15 ignated.”; and

16 (C) by adding at the end, the following
 17 new paragraph:

18 “(4) TREATMENT OF COUNTRIES ON SPECIAL
 19 WATCH LIST.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The President shall
 21 designate as a country of particular concern for
 22 religious freedom under paragraph (1)(A) any
 23 country that appears on the Special Watch List
 24 in more than two consecutive Annual Reports.

1 “(B) EXERCISE OF WAIVER AUTHORITY.—

2 The President may waive the application of
3 subparagraph (A) with respect to a country for
4 up to 2 years if the President certifies to the
5 appropriate committees of Congress that—

6 “(i) the country has entered into an
7 agreement with the United States to carry
8 out specific and credible actions to improve
9 religious freedom conditions and end reli-
10 gious freedom violations;

11 “(ii) the country has entered into an
12 agreement with the United Nations, the
13 European Union, or other ally of the
14 United States, to carry out specific and
15 credible actions to improve religious free-
16 dom conditions and end religious freedom
17 violations; or

18 “(iii) the waiver is in the national se-
19 curity interests of the United States.

20 “(C) EFFECT ON DESIGNATION AS COUN-
21 TRY OF PARTICULAR CONCERN.—The presence
22 or absence of a country from the Special Watch
23 List in any given year shall not preclude the
24 designation of such country as a country of par-

1 ticular concern for religious freedom under
 2 paragraph (1)(A) in any such year.”; and
 3 ~~(2) in subsection (c)(5), in the second sentence,~~
 4 by inserting “and include a description of the impact
 5 of the designation of such sanction or sanctions that
 6 exist in each country” after “determines satisfy the
 7 requirements of this subsection”.

8 **SEC. 303. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

9 Section 404(a)(4)(A) of the International Religious
 10 Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6444(a)(4)(A)) is
 11 amended—

12 ~~(1) in clause (iii), by striking the period at the~~
 13 end and inserting “; and”; and

14 ~~(2) by adding at the end the following new~~
 15 clause:

16 “~~(iv) the impact on the advancement~~
 17 of United States interests in democracy,
 18 human rights, and security, and a descrip-
 19 tion of policy tools being applied in the
 20 country, including programs that target
 21 democratic stability, economic growth, and
 22 counter-terrorism.”.

23 **SEC. 304. PRESIDENTIAL WAIVER.**

24 Section 407 of the International Religious Freedom
 25 Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6447) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) by striking “subsection (b)” and in-
3 serting “subsection (c)”; and

4 (B) by inserting “, for a single 180-day pe-
5 riod,” after “may waive”;

6 (2) by striking “that—” and all that follows
7 and inserting “that the exercise of such waiver au-
8 thority would further the purposes of this Act.”;

9 (3) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-
10 section (c);

11 (4) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
12 lowing:

13 “(b) **ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY.**—Subject to sub-
14 section (c), the President may waive, for any additional
15 period of time after the 180-day period described in sub-
16 section (a), the application of any of the actions described
17 in paragraphs (9) through (15) of section 405(a) (or a
18 commensurate action in substitution thereto) with respect
19 to a country, if the President determines and so reports
20 to the appropriate congressional committees that—

21 “(1) the respective foreign government has
22 ceased the violations giving rise to the Presidential
23 action; or

24 “(2) the exercise of such authority is important
25 to the national interests of the United States.”.

1 (5) in subsection (c), by inserting “or (b)” after
2 “subsection (a)”; and

3 (6) by adding at the end the following new sub-
4 section:

5 “(d) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
6 gress that—

7 “(1) ongoing and persistent waivers of the ap-
8 plication of any of the actions described in para-
9 graphs (9) through (15) of section 405(a) (or com-
10 mensurate action in substitution thereto) with re-
11 spect to a country do not fulfill the purposes of this
12 Act; and

13 “(2) because the promotion of religious freedom
14 is a compelling interest of United States foreign pol-
15 icy, the President, the Secretary of State, and other
16 Executive branch officials, in consultation with Con-
17 gress, should seek to find ways to address existing
18 violations, on a case-by-case basis, through the ac-
19 tions specified in section 405 or other commensurate
20 action in substitution thereto.”.

21 **SEC. 305. PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER.**

22 Section 408(a)(1) of the International Religious
23 Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6448(a)(1)) is amended
24 by adding at the end the following: “Any designation of
25 a non-state actor as an entity of particular concern for

1 religious freedom under section 301 of the Frank R. Wolf
 2 International Religious Freedom Act, together with, when
 3 applicable and to the extent practicable, the identities of
 4 individuals determined to be responsible for the violations
 5 under subsection (c) of such section.”.

6 **TITLE IV—PROMOTION OF** 7 **RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

8 **SEC. 401. ASSISTANCE FOR PROMOTING RELIGIOUS FREE-** 9 **DOM.**

10 (a) **AVAILABILITY OF ASSISTANCE.**—It is the sense
 11 of Congress that for each fiscal year that begins on or
 12 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Depart-
 13 ment of State should make available—

14 (1) an amount equal to not less than 10 percent
 15 of the amounts available in that fiscal year for the
 16 Human Rights and Democracy Fund for the pro-
 17 motion of international religious freedom and for
 18 projects to advance United States interests in the
 19 protection and advancement of international reli-
 20 gious freedom, in particular, through grants to—

21 (A) groups that are able to develop legal
 22 protections or promote cultural and societal un-
 23 derstanding of international norms of religious
 24 freedom;

1 ~~(B)~~ groups that seek to address and miti-
2 gate religiously motivated and sectarian violence
3 and combat violent extremism; and

4 ~~(C)~~ groups that seek to strengthen inves-
5 tigations, reporting, and monitoring of religious
6 freedom violations; and

7 ~~(2)~~ an amount equal to not less than 2 percent
8 of amounts available in that fiscal year for the
9 Human Rights and Democracy Fund to be made
10 available for the establishment of a Religious Free-
11 dom Defense Fund, administered by the Ambassador
12 at Large for International Religious Freedom, to
13 provide grants for—

14 ~~(A)~~ victims of religious freedom abuses and
15 their families to cover legal and other expenses
16 that may arise from detention, imprisonment,
17 torture, fines, and other restrictions; and

18 ~~(B)~~ projects to help create and support
19 training of a new generation of defenders of re-
20 ligious freedom, including legal and political ad-
21 vocates, and civil society projects which seek to
22 create advocacy networks, strengthen legal rep-
23 resentation, train and educate new religious
24 freedom defenders, and build the capacity of re-
25 ligious communities and rights defenders to

1 protect against religious freedom violations;
2 mitigate societal or sectarian violence; or mini-
3 mize legal or other restrictions of the right to
4 freedom of religion.

5 (b) PREFERENCE.—It is the sense of Congress that,
6 in providing grants under subsection (a), the Ambassador
7 at Large for International Religious Freedom should, as
8 appropriate, give preference to projects targeting religious
9 freedom violations in countries designated as countries of
10 particular concern for religious freedom under section
11 402(b)(1) of the International Religious Freedom Act of
12 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6442(b)(1)) and countries included on
13 the Special Watch List described in section
14 102(b)(1)(F)(iii) of the International Religious Freedom
15 Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6412(b)(1)(F)(iii)).

16 (c) ADMINISTRATION AND CONSULTATIONS.—

17 (1) ADMINISTRATION.—Amounts made avail-
18 able in accordance with subsection (a) shall be ad-
19 ministered by the Ambassador at Large for Inter-
20 national Religious Freedom.

21 (2) CONSULTATIONS.—In developing priorities
22 and policies for providing grants in accordance with
23 subsection (a), including priorities and policies for
24 identification of potential grantees, the Ambassador
25 at Large for International Religious Freedom shall

1 consult with other Federal agencies, including the
 2 United States Commission on International Reli-
 3 gious Freedom and, as appropriate, nongovern-
 4 mental organizations.

5 **TITLE V—DESIGNATED PERSONS**
 6 **LIST FOR PARTICULARLY SE-**
 7 **VERE VIOLATIONS OF RELI-**
 8 **GIOUS FREEDOM**

9 ~~SEC. 501. DESIGNATED PERSONS LIST FOR PARTICULARLY~~
 10 ~~SEVERE VIOLATIONS OF RELIGIOUS FREE-~~
 11 ~~DOM.~~

12 Title VI of the International Religious Freedom Act
 13 of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6471 et seq.) is amended—

14 (1) by redesignating section 605 as section 606;
 15 and

16 (2) by inserting after section 604 the following
 17 new section:

18 ~~“SEC. 605. DESIGNATED PERSONS LIST FOR PARTICULARLY~~
 19 ~~SEVERE VIOLATIONS OF RELIGIOUS FREE-~~
 20 ~~DOM.~~

21 ~~“(a) LIST.—~~

22 ~~“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in~~
 23 ~~coordination with the Ambassador at Large and in~~
 24 ~~consultation with relevant government and non-gov-~~
 25 ~~ernment experts, shall establish and maintain a list~~

1 of foreign individuals who are sanctioned, through
 2 visa denials, financial sanctions, or other measures,
 3 because they are responsible for ordering, control-
 4 ling, or otherwise directing particularly severe viola-
 5 tions of freedom religion.

6 “(2) REFERENCE.—The list required under
 7 paragraph (1) shall be known as the ‘Designated
 8 Persons List for Particularly Severe Violations of
 9 Religious Freedom’.

10 “(b) REPORT.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State
 12 shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-
 13 mittees a report that contains the list required under
 14 subsection (a), including, with respect to each for-
 15 eign individual on the list—

16 “(A) the name of the individual and a de-
 17 scription of the particularly severe violation of
 18 religious freedom committed by the individual;

19 “(B) the name of the country or other lo-
 20 cation in which such violation took place; and

21 “(C) a description of the actions taken
 22 pursuant to this Act or any other Act or Execu-
 23 tive order in response to such violation; and

1 “(2) SUBMISSION AND UPDATES.—The Sec-
2 retary of State shall submit to the appropriate con-
3 gressional committees—

4 “(A) the initial report required under para-
5 graph (1) not later than 180 days after the
6 date of the enactment of this section; and

7 “(B) updates to the report every 180 days
8 thereafter and as new information becomes
9 available.

10 “(3) FORM.—The report required under para-
11 graph (1) should be submitted in unclassified form
12 but may contain a classified annex.

13 “(4) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
14 ‘appropriate congressional committees’ means—

15 “(A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs
16 and the Committee on Financial Services of the
17 House of Representatives; and

18 “(B) the Committee on Foreign Relations
19 and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
20 Urban Affairs of the Senate.”.

1 **TITLE VI—MISCELLANEOUS**
2 **PROVISIONS**

3 **SEC. 601. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**

4 Title VII of the International Religious Freedom Act
5 of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6481 et seq.) is amended by adding
6 at the end the following new sections:

7 **“SEC. 702. VOLUNTARY CODES OF CONDUCT FOR UNITED**
8 **STATES INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDU-**
9 **CATION OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.**

10 “(a) **FINDING.**—Congress recognizes the enduring
11 importance of United States institutions of higher edu-
12 cation worldwide both for their potential for shaping posi-
13 tive leadership and new educational models in host coun-
14 tries and for their emphasis on teaching universally recog-
15 nized rights of free inquiry and academic freedom.

16 “(b) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of Con-
17 gress that United States institutions of higher education
18 operating campuses outside the United States or estab-
19 lishing any educational entities with foreign governments;
20 particularly with or in countries the governments of which
21 engage in or tolerate severe violations of religious freedom
22 as identified in the Annual Report, should seek to adopt
23 a voluntary code of conduct for operating in such countries
24 that should—

1 “(1) uphold the right of freedom of religion of
 2 their employees and students, including the right to
 3 manifest that religion peacefully as protected in
 4 international law;

5 “(2) ensure that the religious views and peace-
 6 ful practice of religion in no way affect, or be al-
 7 lowed to affect, the status of a worker’s or faculty
 8 member’s employment or a student’s enrollment; and

9 “(3) make every effort in all negotiations, con-
 10 tracts, or memoranda of understanding engaged in
 11 or constructed with a foreign government to protect
 12 academic freedom and the rights enshrined in the
 13 United Nations Declaration of Human Rights.

14 **“SEC. 703. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING NATIONAL SE-**
 15 **CURITY STRATEGY TO PROMOTE RELIGIOUS**
 16 **FREEDOM THROUGH UNITED STATES FOR-**
 17 **EIGN POLICY.**

18 “It is the sense of Congress that—

19 “(1) the annual national security strategy re-
 20 port of the President required by section 108 of the
 21 National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3043)
 22 should promote international religious freedom as a
 23 foreign policy and national security priority and
 24 should articulate that promotion of the right to free-
 25 dom of religion is a strategy that protects other, re-

1 lated human rights, and advances democracy outside
 2 the United States, and make clear its importance to
 3 United States foreign policy goals of stability, secu-
 4 rity, development, and diplomacy; and

5 “(2) the national security strategy report
 6 should be a guide for the strategies and activities of
 7 relevant Federal agencies and inform the Depart-
 8 ment of Defense quadrennial defense review under
 9 section 118 of title 10, United States Code, and the
 10 Department of State Quadrennial Diplomacy and
 11 Development Review.”.

12 **SEC. 602. CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.**

13 The table of contents of the International Religious
 14 Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6401 note) is amended—

15 (1) by striking the item relating to section 605
 16 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 606. Studies on the effect of expedited removal provisions on asylum
 claims.”;

17 (2) by inserting after the item relating to sec-
 18 tion 604 the following:

“Sec. 605. Designated Persons List for Particularly Severe Violations of Reli-
 gious Freedom.”; and

19 (3) by adding at the end the following:

“Sec. 702. Voluntary codes of conduct for United States institutions of higher
 education operating outside the United States.

“Sec. 703. Sense of Congress regarding national security strategy to promote
 religious freedom through United States foreign policy.”.

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

2 (a) *SHORT TITLE.*—*This Act may be cited as the*
 3 *“Frank R. Wolf International Religious Freedom Act”.*

4 (b) *TABLE OF CONTENTS.*—*The table of contents for*
 5 *this Act is as follows:*

Sec. 1. Short title and table of contents.

Sec. 2. Findings; policy; sense of Congress.

Sec. 3. Definitions.

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF STATE ACTIVITIES

Sec. 101. Office on International Religious Freedom; Ambassador at Large for
International Religious Freedom.

Sec. 102. Annual Report on International Religious Freedom.

Sec. 103. Training for Foreign Service officers; report.

Sec. 104. Prisoner lists and issue briefs on religious freedom concerns.

TITLE II—NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

Sec. 201. Special Adviser for International Religious Freedom.

TITLE III—PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS

Sec. 301. Non-state actor designations.

Sec. 302. Presidential actions in response to particularly severe violations of reli-
gious freedom.

Sec. 303. Report to Congress.

Sec. 304. Presidential waiver.

Sec. 305. Publication in the Federal Register.

TITLE IV—PROMOTION OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Sec. 401. Assistance for promoting religious freedom.

**TITLE V—DESIGNATED PERSONS LIST FOR PARTICULARLY SEVERE
VIOLATIONS OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

Sec. 501. Designated Persons List for Particularly Severe Violations of Religious
Freedom.

TITLE VI—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Sec. 601. Miscellaneous provisions.

Sec. 602. Clerical amendments.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; POLICY; SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 (a) *FINDINGS.*—*Section 2(a) of the International Reli-*
 8 *gious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6401(a)) is amend-*
 9 *ed—*

1 (1) in paragraph (3), by inserting “The freedom
2 of thought, conscience, and religion is understood to
3 protect theistic and non-theistic beliefs and the right
4 not to profess or practice any religion.” before “Gov-
5 ernments”;

6 (2) in paragraph (4), by adding at the end the
7 following: “A policy or practice of routinely denying
8 applications for visas for religious workers in a coun-
9 try can be indicative of a poor state of religious free-
10 dom in that country.”; and

11 (3) in paragraph (6)—

12 (A) by inserting “and the specific targeting
13 of non-theists, humanists, and atheists because of
14 their beliefs” after “religious persecution”; and

15 (B) by inserting “and in regions where
16 non-state actors exercise significant political
17 power and territorial control” before the period
18 at the end.

19 (b) *POLICY*.—Section 2(b) of the International Reli-
20 gious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6401(b)) is amend-
21 ed—

22 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (5)
23 as subparagraphs (A) through (E);

1 (2) *by striking the matter preceding subpara-*
 2 *graph (A), as redesignated, and inserting the fol-*
 3 *lowing:*

4 “(1) *IN GENERAL.—The following shall be the*
 5 *policy of the United States;*” and

6 (3) *by adding at the end the following:*

7 “(2) *EVOLVING POLICIES AND COORDINATED DIP-*
 8 *LOMATIC RESPONSES.—Because the promotion of*
 9 *international religious freedom protects human rights,*
 10 *advances democracy abroad, and advances United*
 11 *States interests in stability, security, and develop-*
 12 *ment globally, the promotion of international reli-*
 13 *gious freedom requires new and evolving policies and*
 14 *diplomatic responses that—*

15 *“(A) are drawn from the expertise of the*
 16 *national security agencies, the diplomatic serv-*
 17 *ices, and other governmental agencies and non-*
 18 *governmental organizations; and*

19 *“(B) are coordinated across and carried out*
 20 *by the entire range of Federal agencies.”.*

21 (c) *SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress*
 22 *that—*

23 (1) *a policy or practice by the government of*
 24 *any foreign country of routinely denying visa appli-*

1 *cations for religious workers can be indicative of a*
 2 *poor state of religious freedom in that country; and*
 3 *(2) the United States Government should seek to*
 4 *reverse any such policy by reviewing the entirety of*
 5 *the bilateral relationship between such country and*
 6 *the United States.*

7 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

8 *Section 3 of the International Religious Freedom Act*
 9 *of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6402) is amended—*

10 *(1) by redesignating paragraph (13) as para-*
 11 *graph (16);*

12 *(2) by redesignating paragraphs (10), (11), and*
 13 *(12) as paragraphs (12), (13), and (14), respectively;*

14 *(3) by inserting after paragraph (9) the fol-*
 15 *lowing:*

16 *“(10) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—*
 17 *The term ‘institution of higher education’ has the*
 18 *meaning given that term in section 101 of the Higher*
 19 *Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).*

20 *“(11) NON-STATE ACTOR.—The term ‘non-state*
 21 *actor’ means a nonsovereign entity that—*

22 *“(A) exercises significant political power*
 23 *and territorial control;*

24 *“(B) is outside the control of a sovereign*
 25 *government; and*

1 “(C) often employs violence in pursuit of its
2 objectives.”;

3 (4) by inserting after paragraph (14), as redesign-
4 nated, the following:

5 “(15) *SPECIAL WATCH LIST*.—The term ‘Special
6 Watch List’ means the Special Watch List described
7 in section 402(b)(1)(A)(iii).”; and

8 (5) in paragraph (16), as redesignated—

9 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

10 (i) by redesignating clauses (iv) and
11 (v) as clauses (v) and (vi), respectively; and

12 (ii) by inserting after clause (iii) the
13 following:

14 “(iv) not professing a particular reli-
15 gion, or any religion;”; and

16 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

17 (i) by inserting “conscience, non-the-
18 istic views, or” before “religious belief or
19 practice”; and

20 (ii) by inserting “forcibly compelling
21 non-believers or non-theists to recant their
22 beliefs or to convert,” after “forced religious
23 conversion,”.

***TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF
STATE ACTIVITIES***

***SEC. 101. OFFICE ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREE-
DOM; AMBASSADOR AT LARGE FOR INTER-
NATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 101 of the International
Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6411) is amend-
ed—*

*(1) in subsection (b), by inserting “, and shall
report directly to the Secretary of State” before the
period at the end;*

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

*(i) by striking “responsibility” and in-
serting “responsibilities”;*

*(ii) by striking “shall be to advance”
and inserting the following: “shall be to—
“(A) advance”;*

*(iii) in subparagraph (A), as redesign-
ated, by striking the period at the end and
inserting “; and”; and*

*(iv) by adding at the end the following:
“(B) integrate United States international
religious freedom policies and strategies into the
foreign policy efforts of the United States.”;*

1 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “the
2 principal adviser to” before “the Secretary of
3 State”;

4 (C) in paragraph (3)—

5 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
6 “and” at the end;

7 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
8 the period at the end and inserting “; and”;
9 and

10 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(C) contacts with nongovernmental organi-
13 zations that have an impact on the state of reli-
14 gious freedom in their respective societies or re-
15 gions, or internationally.”;

16 (D) by redesignating paragraph (4) as
17 paragraph (5); and

18 (E) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
19 lowing:

20 “(4) COORDINATION RESPONSIBILITIES.—In
21 order to promote religious freedom as an interest of
22 United States foreign policy, the Ambassador at
23 Large—

1 “(A) shall coordinate international religious
2 freedom policies across all programs, projects,
3 and activities of the United States; and

4 “(B) should participate in any interagency
5 processes on issues in which the promotion of
6 international religious freedom policy can ad-
7 vance United States national security interests,
8 including in democracy promotion, stability, se-
9 curity, and development globally.”; and

10 (3) in subsection (d), by striking “staff for the
11 Office” and all that follows and inserting “adequate
12 staff for the Office, including full-time equivalent po-
13 sitions and any other temporary staff positions need-
14 ed to compile, edit, and manage the Annual Report
15 under the direct supervision of the Ambassador at
16 Large, and for the conduct of investigations by the Of-
17 fice and for necessary travel to carry out this Act. The
18 Secretary of State should provide the Ambassador at
19 Large with sufficient funding to carry out the duties
20 described in this section, including, as necessary, rep-
21 resentation funds. On the date on which the Presi-
22 dent’s annual budget request is submitted to Congress,
23 the Secretary shall submit an annual report to the
24 appropriate congressional committees that includes a

1 *report on staffing levels for the International Reli-*
 2 *gious Freedom Office.”.*

3 **(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—*It is the sense of Congress*
 4 *that—*

5 *(1) periodic severe understaffing in the past has*
 6 *hindered the vital work of the International Religious*
 7 *Freedom Office; and*

8 *(2) maintaining an adequate staffing level at the*
 9 *Office, such as was in place during fiscal year 2016,*
 10 *is necessary for the Office to carry on its vital work.*

11 **SEC. 102. ANNUAL REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS**
 12 **FREEDOM.**

13 **(a) IN GENERAL.**—*Section 102(b)(1) of the Inter-*
 14 *national Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C.*
 15 *6412(b)(1)) is amended—*

16 *(1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),*
 17 *by striking “September 1” and inserting “May 1”;*

18 *(2) in subparagraph (A)—*

19 *(A) in clause (iii), by striking “; and” and*
 20 *inserting “as well as the routine denial of visa*
 21 *applications for religious workers;”;*

22 *(B) by redesignating clause (iv) as clause*
 23 *(vii); and*

24 *(C) by inserting after clause (iii) the fol-*
 25 *lowing:*

1 “(iv) particularly severe violations of
2 religious freedom in that country if such
3 country does not have a functioning govern-
4 ment or the government of such country
5 does not control its territory;

6 “(v) the identification of prisoners, to
7 the extent possible, in that country pursu-
8 ant to section 108(d);

9 “(vi) any action taken by the govern-
10 ment of that country to censor religious con-
11 tent, communications, or worship activities
12 online, including descriptions of the tar-
13 geted religious group, the content, commu-
14 nication, or activities censored, and the
15 means used; and”;

16 (3) in subparagraph (B), in the matter pre-
17 ceding clause (i)—

18 (A) by inserting “persecution of lawyers,
19 politicians, or other human rights advocates
20 seeking to defend the rights of members of reli-
21 gious groups or highlight religious freedom viola-
22 tions, prohibitions on ritual animal slaughter or
23 male infant circumcision,” after “entire reli-
24 gions,”; and

1 (B) by inserting “policies that ban or re-
 2 strict the public manifestation of religious belief
 3 and the peaceful involvement of religious groups
 4 or their members in the political life of each such
 5 foreign country,” after “such groups,”;

6 (4) in subparagraph (C), by striking “A descrip-
 7 tion of United States actions and” and inserting “A
 8 detailed description of United States actions, diplo-
 9 matic and political coordination efforts, and other”;
 10 and

11 (5) in subparagraph (F)(i)—

12 (A) by striking “section 402(b)(1)” and in-
 13 serting “section 402(b)(1)(A)(ii)”; and

14 (B) by adding at the end the following:
 15 “Any country in which a non-state actor des-
 16 ignated as an entity of particular concern for re-
 17 ligious freedom under section 301 of the Frank
 18 R. Wolf International Religious Freedom Act is
 19 located shall be included in this section of the re-
 20 port.”.

21 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress
 22 that—

23 (1) the original intent of the International Reli-
 24 gious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6401 et seq.)
 25 was to require annual reports from both the Depart-

ment of State and the Commission on International Religious Freedom to be delivered each year, during the same calendar year, and with at least 5 months separating these reports, in order to provide updated information for policymakers, Members of Congress, and nongovernmental organizations; and

(2) given that the annual Country Reports on Human Rights Practices no longer contain updated information on religious freedom conditions globally, it is important that the Department of State coordinate with the Commission to fulfill the original intent of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998.

SEC. 103. TRAINING FOR FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS; REPORT.

(a) AMENDMENT TO FOREIGN SERVICE ACT OF 1980.—Section 708 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4028) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (b) and (c) as subsections (e) and (f), respectively;

(2) in subsection (a), by striking “The Secretary of State” and inserting “HUMAN RIGHTS, RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING TRAINING.—The Secretary of State”;

(3) by inserting after subsection (a) the following:

1 “(a) *ADDITIONAL TRAINING.*—Not later than the one
 2 year after the date of the enactment of the Frank R. Wolf
 3 International Religious Freedom Act, the Director of the
 4 George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center
 5 shall begin mandatory training on religious freedom for all
 6 Foreign Service officers, including all entry level officers,
 7 all officers prior to departure for posting outside the United
 8 States, and all outgoing deputy chiefs of mission and am-
 9 bassadors. Such training shall be a separate, independent,
 10 and required segment of each of—

11 “(1) the A-100 course attended by all Foreign
 12 Service officers;

13 “(2) the courses required of every Foreign Serv-
 14 ice officer prior to a posting outside the United
 15 States, with segments tailored to the particular reli-
 16 gious demography, religious freedom conditions, and
 17 United States strategies for advancing religious free-
 18 dom, in each receiving country; and

19 “(3) the courses required of all outgoing deputy
 20 chiefs of mission and ambassadors.

21 “(b) *DEVELOPMENT OF CURRICULUM.*—In developing
 22 curriculum for the training under subsection (b)(2), the
 23 Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom,
 24 on behalf of the Secretary of State and in consultation with
 25 the United States Commission on International Religious

1 *Freedom established under section 201(a) of the Inter-*
 2 *national Religious Freedom Act of 1998, shall develop a*
 3 *curriculum for training United States Foreign Service offi-*
 4 *cers in the scope and strategic value of international reli-*
 5 *gious freedom, how violations of international religious free-*
 6 *dom harm fundamental United States interests, how the ad-*
 7 *vancement of international religious freedom can advance*
 8 *such interests, how United States international religious*
 9 *freedom policy should be carried out in practice by United*
 10 *States diplomats and other Foreign Service officers, and the*
 11 *relevance and relationship of international religious free-*
 12 *dom to United States defense, diplomacy, development, and*
 13 *public affairs efforts. The Secretary of State shall ensure*
 14 *the availability of sufficient resources to develop and imple-*
 15 *ment such curriculum.*

16 “(c) *INFORMATION SHARING.*—*The curriculum and*
 17 *training materials developed pursuant to subsections (b)*
 18 *and (c) should be made available to all other Federal agen-*
 19 *cies.*”;

20 (4) *in subsection (e), as redesignated, by striking*
 21 *“The Secretary of State” and inserting “REFU-*
 22 *GEES.—The Secretary of State”;* and

23 (5) *in subsection (f), as redesignated, by striking*
 24 *“The Secretary of State” and inserting “CHILD SOL-*
 25 *DIERS.—The Secretary of State”.*

1 (b) *REPORT*.—Not later than 180 days after the date
 2 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, with
 3 the assistance of the Ambassador at Large for International
 4 Religious Freedom, and the Director of the Foreign Service
 5 Institute, located at the George P. Shultz National Foreign
 6 Affairs Training Center, shall submit a report to the Com-
 7 mittee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives
 8 and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate that
 9 contains a comprehensive plan for undertaking training for
 10 Foreign Service officers under section 708 of the Foreign
 11 Services Act of 1980, as amended by subsection (a).

12 **SEC. 104. PRISONER LISTS AND ISSUE BRIEFS ON RELI-**
 13 **GIOUS FREEDOM CONCERNS.**

14 Section 108 of the International Religious Freedom
 15 Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6417) is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “faith,” and in-
 17 serting “activities, religious freedom advocacy, or ef-
 18 forts to protect and advance the universally recog-
 19 nized right to the freedom of religion,”;

20 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “, as appro-
 21 priate, provide” and insert “make available”; and

22 (3) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(d) *VICTIMS LIST MAINTAINED BY THE UNITED*
 24 *STATES COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS*
 25 *FREEDOM*.—

1 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Commission shall make*
2 *publicly available, to the extent possible, online and*
3 *in official publications, lists of persons it determines*
4 *are imprisoned or detained, have disappeared, been*
5 *placed under house arrest, been tortured, or subjected*
6 *to forced renunciations of faith for their religious ac-*
7 *tivity or religious freedom advocacy by the govern-*
8 *ment of a foreign country that the Commission rec-*
9 *ommends for designation as a country of particular*
10 *concern for religious freedom under section*
11 *402(b)(1)(A)(ii) or by a non-state actor that the Com-*
12 *mission recommends for designation as an entity of*
13 *particular concern for religious freedom under section*
14 *301 of the Frank R. Wolf International Religious*
15 *Freedom Act and include as much publicly available*
16 *information as possible on the conditions and cir-*
17 *cumstances of such persons.*

18 “(2) *DISCRETION.*—*In compiling lists under*
19 *paragraph (1), the Commission shall exercise all ap-*
20 *propriate discretion, including consideration of the*
21 *safety and security of, and benefit to, the persons who*
22 *may be included on the lists and the families of such*
23 *persons.”.*

1 **TITLE II—NATIONAL SECURITY**
 2 **COUNCIL**

3 **SEC. 201. SPECIAL ADVISER FOR INTERNATIONAL RELI-**
 4 **GIOUS FREEDOM.**

5 *The position described in section 101(k) of the Na-*
 6 *tional Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 2031(k) should assist*
 7 *the Ambassador at Large for International Religious Free-*
 8 *dom to coordinate international religious freedom policies*
 9 *and strategies throughout the executive branch and within*
 10 *any interagency policy committee of which the Ambassador*
 11 *at Large is a member.*

12 **TITLE III—PRESIDENTIAL**
 13 **ACTIONS**

14 **SEC. 301. NON-STATE ACTOR DESIGNATIONS.**

15 *(a) IN GENERAL.—The President, concurrent with the*
 16 *annual foreign country review required under section*
 17 *402(b)(1)(A) of the International Religious Freedom Act of*
 18 *1998 (22 U.S.C. 6442(b)(1)(A)), shall—*

19 *(1) review and identify any non-state actors op-*
 20 *erating in any such reviewed country or surrounding*
 21 *region that have engaged in particularly severe viola-*
 22 *tions of religious freedom; and*

23 *(2) designate, in a manner consistent with such*
 24 *Act, each such non-state actor as an entity of par-*
 25 *ticular concern for religious freedom.*

1 (b) *REPORT.*—Whenever the President designates a
 2 non-state actor under subsection (a) as an entity of par-
 3 ticular concern for religious freedom, the President, as soon
 4 as practicable after the designation is made, shall submit
 5 a report to the appropriate congressional committees that
 6 describes the reasons for such designation.

7 (c) *ACTIONS.*—The President should take specific ac-
 8 tions, when practicable, to address severe violations of reli-
 9 gious freedom of non-state actors that are designated under
 10 subsection (a)(2).

11 (d) *DEPARTMENT OF STATE ANNUAL REPORT.*—The
 12 Secretary of State should include information detailing the
 13 reasons the President designated a non-state actor as an
 14 entity of particular concern for religious freedom under sub-
 15 section (a) in the Annual Report required under section
 16 102(b)(1) of the International Religious Freedom Act of
 17 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6412(b)(1)).

18 (e) *SENSE OF CONGRESS.*—It is the sense of Congress
 19 that—

20 (1) the Secretary of State should work with Con-
 21 gress and the U.S. Commission on International Reli-
 22 gious Freedom—

23 (A) to create new political, financial, and
 24 diplomatic tools to address severe violations of
 25 religious freedom by non-state actors; and

1 (B) to update the actions the President can
 2 take under section 405 of the International Reli-
 3 gious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6445);

4 (2) governments must ultimately be held ac-
 5 countable for the abuses that occur in their territories;
 6 and

7 (3) any actions the President takes after desig-
 8 nating a non-state actor as an entity of particular
 9 concern should also involve high-level diplomacy with
 10 the government of the country in which the non-state
 11 actor is operating.

12 (f) *DETERMINATIONS OF RESPONSIBLE PARTIES.*—In
 13 order to appropriately target Presidential actions under the
 14 International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C.
 15 6401 et seq.), the President, with respect to each non-state
 16 actor designated as an entity of particular concern for reli-
 17 gious freedom under subsection (a), shall seek to determine
 18 the specific officials or members that are responsible for the
 19 particularly severe violations of religious freedom engaged
 20 in or tolerated by such non-state actor.

21 (g) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this section, the terms “appro-
 22 priate congressional committees”, “non-state actor”, and
 23 “particularly severe violations of religious freedom” have
 24 the meanings given such terms in section 3 of the Inter-

1 *national Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6402),*
 2 *as amended by section 3 of this Act.*

3 **SEC. 302. PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO PAR-**
 4 **TICULARLY SEVERE VIOLATIONS OF RELI-**
 5 **GIOUS FREEDOM.**

6 *Section 402 of the International Religious Freedom*
 7 *Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6442) is amended—*

8 *(1) in subsection (b)—*

9 *(A) in paragraph (1)—*

10 *(i) by amending subparagraph (A) to*
 11 *read as follows:*

12 *“(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days*
 13 *after the date on which each Annual Report is*
 14 *submitted under section 102(b), the President*
 15 *shall—*

16 *“(i) review the status of religious free-*
 17 *dom in each foreign country to determine*
 18 *whether the government of that country has*
 19 *engaged in or tolerated particularly severe*
 20 *violations of religious freedom in each such*
 21 *country during the preceding 12 months or*
 22 *longer;*

23 *“(ii) designate each country the gov-*
 24 *ernment of which has engaged in or toler-*
 25 *ated violations described in clause (i) as a*

country of particular concern for religious freedom; and

“(iii) designate each country that engaged in or tolerated severe violations of religious freedom during the previous year, but does not meet, in the opinion of the President at the time of publication of the Annual Report, all of the criteria described in section 3(15) for designation under clause (ii) as being placed on a ‘Special Watch List’.”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking “prior to September 1 of the respective year” and inserting “before the date on which each Annual Report is submitted under section 102(b)”;

(B) by amending paragraph (3) to read as follows:

“(3) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Whenever the President designates a country as a country of particular concern for religious freedom under paragraph (1)(A)(ii), the President, not later than 90 days after such designation, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees—

1 “(i) the designation of the country,
2 signed by the President;

3 “(ii) the identification, if any, of re-
4 sponsible parties determined under para-
5 graph (2); and

6 “(iii) a description of the actions taken
7 under subsection (c), the purposes of the ac-
8 tions taken, and the effectiveness of the ac-
9 tions taken.

10 “(B) REMOVAL OF DESIGNATION.—A coun-
11 try that is designated as a country of particular
12 concern for religious freedom under paragraph
13 (1)(A)(ii) shall retain such designation until the
14 President determines and reports to the appro-
15 priate congressional committees that the country
16 should no longer be so designated.”; and

17 (C) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(4) EFFECT ON DESIGNATION AS COUNTRY OF
19 PARTICULAR CONCERN.—The presence or absence of a
20 country from the Special Watch List in any given
21 year shall not preclude the designation of such coun-
22 try as a country of particular concern for religious
23 freedom under paragraph (1)(A)(ii) in any such
24 year.”; and

1 (2) in subsection (c)(5), by striking “the Presi-
 2 dent must designate the specific sanction or sanctions
 3 which he determines satisfy the requirements of this
 4 subsection.” and inserting “the President shall des-
 5 ignate the specific sanction or sanctions that the
 6 President determines satisfy the requirements under
 7 this subsection and include a description of the im-
 8 pact of such sanction or sanctions on each country.”.

9 **SEC. 303. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

10 Section 404(a)(4)(A) of the International Religious
 11 Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6444(a)(4)(A)) is amend-
 12 ed—

13 (1) in clause (ii), by striking “and” at the end;

14 (2) in clause (iii), by striking the period at the
 15 end and inserting “; and”; and

16 (3) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(iv) the impact on the advancement of
 18 United States interests in democracy,
 19 human rights, and security, and a descrip-
 20 tion of policy tools being applied in the
 21 country, including programs that target
 22 democratic stability, economic growth, and
 23 counterterrorism.”.

1 **SEC. 304. PRESIDENTIAL WAIVER.**

2 *Section 407 of the International Religious Freedom*
 3 *Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6447) is amended—*

4 *(1) in subsection (a)—*

5 *(A) by striking “subsection (b)” and insert-*
 6 *ing “subsection (c)”;*

7 *(B) by inserting “, for a single, 180-day pe-*
 8 *riod,” after “may waive”;*

9 *(C) by striking paragraph (1); and*

10 *(D) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and*
 11 *(3) as paragraphs (1) and (2), respectively;*

12 *(2) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection*
 13 *(c);*

14 *(3) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-*
 15 *lowing:*

16 *“(b) ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY.—Subject to subsection*
 17 *(c), the President may waive, for any additional specified*
 18 *period of time after the 180-day period described in sub-*
 19 *section (a), the application of any of the actions described*
 20 *in paragraphs (9) through (15) of section 405(a) (or a com-*
 21 *mensurate substitute action) with respect to a country, if*
 22 *the President determines and reports to the appropriate*
 23 *congressional committees that—*

24 *“(1) the respective foreign government has ceased*
 25 *the violations giving rise to the Presidential action; or*

1 “(2) the important national interest of the
2 United States requires the exercise of such waiver au-
3 thority.”;

4 (4) in subsection (c), as redesignated, by insert-
5 ing “or (b)” after “subsection (a)”; and

6 (5) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(d) *SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress*
8 *that—*

9 “(1) ongoing and persistent waivers of the appli-
10 cation of any of the actions described in paragraphs
11 (9) through (15) of section 405(a) (or commensurate
12 substitute action) with respect to a country do not
13 fulfill the purposes of this Act; and

14 “(2) because the promotion of religious freedom
15 is a compelling interest of United States foreign pol-
16 icy, the President, the Secretary of State, and other
17 executive branch officials, in consultation with Con-
18 gress, should seek to find ways to address existing vio-
19 lations, on a case-by-case basis, through the actions
20 described in section 405 or other commensurate sub-
21 stitute action.”.

22 **SEC. 305. PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER.**

23 Section 408(a)(1) of the International Religious Free-
24 dom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6448(a)(1)) is amended by add-
25 ing at the end the following: “Any designation of a non-

1 *state actor as an entity of particular concern for religious*
 2 *freedom under section 301 of the Frank R. Wolf Inter-*
 3 *national Religious Freedom Act and, if applicable and to*
 4 *the extent practicable, the identities of individuals deter-*
 5 *mined to be responsible for violations described in sub-*
 6 *section (f) of such section.’’.*

7 ***TITLE IV—PROMOTION OF*** 8 ***RELIGIOUS FREEDOM***

9 ***SEC. 401. ASSISTANCE FOR PROMOTING RELIGIOUS FREE-*** 10 ***DOM.***

11 *(a) AVAILABILITY OF ASSISTANCE.—It is the sense of*
 12 *Congress that for each fiscal year that begins on or after*
 13 *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State*
 14 *should make available, from amounts available—*

15 *(1) sufficient funds for the vigorous promotion of*
 16 *international religious freedom and for projects to ad-*
 17 *vance United States interests in the protection and*
 18 *advancement of international religious freedom, in*
 19 *particular, through grants to groups that—*

20 *(A) are capable of developing legal protec-*
 21 *tions or promoting cultural and societal under-*
 22 *standing of international norms of religious free-*
 23 *dom;*

1 (B) seek to address and mitigate religiously
2 motivated and sectarian violence and combat
3 violent extremism; or

4 (C) seek to strengthen investigations, report-
5 ing, and monitoring of religious freedom viola-
6 tions, including genocide perpetrated against re-
7 ligious minorities; and

8 (2) sufficient funds for the establishment of an
9 effective Religious Freedom Defense Fund, to be ad-
10 ministered by the Ambassador at Large for Inter-
11 national Religious Freedom, to provide grants for—

12 (A) victims of religious freedom abuses and
13 their families to cover legal and other expenses
14 that may arise from detention, imprisonment,
15 torture, fines, and other restrictions; and

16 (B) projects to help create and support
17 training of a new generation of defenders of reli-
18 gious freedom, including legal and political ad-
19 vocates, and civil society projects which seek to
20 create advocacy networks, strengthen legal rep-
21 resentation, train and educate new religious free-
22 dom defenders, and build the capacity of reli-
23 gious communities and rights defenders to pro-
24 tect against religious freedom violations, miti-
25 gate societal or sectarian violence, or minimize

1 *legal or other restrictions of the right to freedom*
2 *of religion.*

3 **(b) PREFERENCE.**—*It is the sense of Congress that, in*
4 *providing grants under subsection (a), the Ambassador at*
5 *Large for International Religious Freedom should, as ap-*
6 *propriate, give preference to projects targeting religious*
7 *freedom violations in countries—*

8 *(1) designated as countries of particular concern*
9 *for religious freedom under section 402(b)(1) of the*
10 *International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22*
11 *U.S.C. 6442(b)(1)); or*

12 *(2) included on the Special Watch List described*
13 *in section 402(b)(1)(A)(iii) of the International Reli-*
14 *gious Freedom Act of 1998, as added by section*
15 *302(1)(A)(i) of this Act.*

16 **(c) ADMINISTRATION AND CONSULTATIONS.**—

17 **(1) ADMINISTRATION.**—*Amounts made available*
18 *under subsection (a) shall be administered by the Am-*
19 *bassador at Large for International Religious Free-*
20 *dom.*

21 **(2) CONSULTATIONS.**—*In developing priorities*
22 *and policies for providing grants authorized under*
23 *subsection (a), including programming and policy ,*
24 *the Ambassador at Large for International Religious*
25 *Freedom should consult with other Federal agencies,*

including the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom and, as appropriate, non-governmental organizations.

**TITLE V—DESIGNATED PERSONS
LIST FOR PARTICULARLY SE-
VERE VIOLATIONS OF RELI-
GIOUS FREEDOM**

**SEC. 501. DESIGNATED PERSONS LIST FOR PARTICULARLY
SEVERE VIOLATIONS OF RELIGIOUS FREE-
DOM.**

Title VI of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6471 et seq.) is amended—

(1) by redesignating section 605 as section 606;

and

(2) by inserting after section 604 the following:

**“SEC. 605. DESIGNATED PERSONS LIST FOR PARTICULARLY
SEVERE VIOLATIONS OF RELIGIOUS FREE-
DOM.**

“(a) LIST.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—*The Secretary of State, in coordination with the Ambassador at Large and in consultation with relevant government and non-government experts, shall establish and maintain a list of foreign individuals to whom a consular post has denied a visa on the grounds of particularly se-*

vere violations of religious freedom under section 212(a)(2)(G) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(2)(G)), or who are subject to financial sanctions or other measures for particularly severe violations of freedom religion.

“(2) *REFERENCE.*—The list required under paragraph (1) shall be known as the ‘Designated Persons List for Particularly Severe Violations of Religious Freedom’.

“(b) *REPORT.*—

“(1) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary of State shall submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees that contains the list required under subsection (a), including, with respect to each foreign individual on the list—

“(A) the name of the individual and a description of the particularly severe violation of religious freedom committed by the individual;

“(B) the name of the country or other location in which such violation took place; and

“(C) a description of the actions taken pursuant to this Act or any other Act or Executive order in response to such violation.

1 “(2) *SUBMISSION AND UPDATES.*—*The Secretary*
2 *of State shall submit to the appropriate congressional*
3 *committees—*

4 “(A) *the initial report required under para-*
5 *graph (1) not later than 180 days after the date*
6 *of the enactment of the Frank R. Wolf Inter-*
7 *national Religious Freedom Act; and*

8 “(B) *updates to the report every 180 days*
9 *thereafter and as new information becomes avail-*
10 *able.*

11 “(3) *FORM.*—*The report required under para-*
12 *graph (1) should be submitted in unclassified form*
13 *but may contain a classified annex.*

14 “(4) *DEFINITION.*—*In this subsection, the term*
15 *‘appropriate congressional committees’ means—*

16 “(A) *the Committee on Foreign Relations of*
17 *the Senate;*

18 “(B) *the Committee on Banking, Housing,*
19 *and Urban Affairs of the Senate;*

20 “(C) *the Committee on Foreign Affairs of*
21 *the House of Representatives; and*

22 “(D) *the Committee on Financial Services*
23 *of the House of Representatives.”.*

TITLE VI—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SEC. 601. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

Title VII of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6481 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 702. VOLUNTARY CODES OF CONDUCT FOR UNITED STATES INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.

“(a) FINDING.—Congress recognizes the enduring importance of United States institutions of higher education worldwide—

“(1) for their potential for shaping positive leadership and new educational models in host countries; and

“(2) for their emphasis on teaching universally recognized rights of free inquiry and academic freedom.

“(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that United States institutions of higher education operating campuses outside the United States or establishing any educational entities with foreign governments, particularly with or in countries the governments of which engage in or tolerate severe violations of religious freedom as identified in the Annual Report, should seek to adopt a vol-

1 untary code of conduct for operating in such countries that
2 should—

3 “(1) uphold the right of freedom of religion of
4 their employees and students, including the right to
5 manifest that religion peacefully as protected in inter-
6 national law;

7 “(2) ensure that the religious views and peaceful
8 practice of religion in no way affect, or be allowed to
9 affect, the status of a worker’s or faculty member’s
10 employment or a student’s enrollment; and

11 “(3) make every effort in all negotiations, con-
12 tracts, or memoranda of understanding engaged in or
13 constructed with a foreign government to protect aca-
14 demic freedom and the rights enshrined in the United
15 Nations Declaration of Human Rights.

16 **“SEC. 703. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING NATIONAL SE-**
17 **CURITY STRATEGY TO PROMOTE RELIGIOUS**
18 **FREEDOM THROUGH UNITED STATES FOR-**
19 **EIGN POLICY.**

20 “It is the sense of Congress that the annual national
21 security strategy report of the President required under sec-
22 tion 108 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C.
23 3043)—

1 “(1) should promote international religious free-
 2 dom as a foreign policy and national security pri-
 3 ority; and

4 “(2) should articulate that promotion of the right
 5 to freedom of religion is a strategy that—

6 “(A) protects other, related human rights,
 7 and advances democracy outside the United
 8 States; and

9 “(B) makes clear its importance to United
 10 States foreign policy goals of stability, security,
 11 development, and diplomacy;

12 “(3) should be a guide for the strategies and ac-
 13 tivities of relevant Federal agencies; and

14 “(4) should inform the Department of Defense
 15 quadrennial defense review under section 118 of title
 16 10, United States Code, and the Department of State
 17 Quadrennial Diplomacy and Development Review.”.

18 **SEC. 602. CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.**

19 *The table of contents of the International Religious*
 20 *Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6401 note) is amended—*

21 *(1) by striking the item relating to section 605*
 22 *and inserting the following:*

*“Sec. 606. Studies on the effect of expedited removal provisions on asylum
 claims.”;*

23 *(2) by inserting after the item relating to section*
 24 *604 the following:*

“Sec. 605. Designated Persons List for Particularly Severe Violations of Religious Freedom.”;

1 *and*

2 *(3) by adding at the end the following:*

“Sec. 702. Voluntary codes of conduct for United States institutions of higher education operating outside the United States.

“Sec. 703. Sense of Congress regarding national security strategy to promote religious freedom through United States foreign policy.”.

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