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H. R. 722

To prohibit the use of Federal funds to implement, administer, or enforce the Executive order entitled “Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States” signed by President Donald J. Trump on January 27, 2017.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 30, 2017

Ms. MENG (for herself, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. BEYER, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. HANABUSA, Mr. HIMES, Mr. JEFFRIES, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Ms. LEE, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. NORTON, Mr. O’ROURKE, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. POCAN, Mr. POLIS, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. SOTO, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. TONKO, Mrs. TORRES, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security, and Intelligence (Permanent Select), for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “No Funds for Uncon-
5 stitutional Executive Orders Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The first 10 words of the Bill of Rights
9 state: “Congress shall make no law respecting an es-
10 tablishment of religion”.

11 (2) In *Larson v. Valente*, the Supreme Court
12 stated: “The clearest command of the Establishment
13 Clause is that one religious denomination cannot be
14 officially preferred over another.”.

15 (3) On January 27, 2017, President Donald J.
16 Trump signed into force an Executive order impos-
17 ing a selective ban on immigration from majority-
18 Muslim nations.

19 (4) On January 27, 2017, President Trump
20 signed into force an Executive order that permits
21 the Secretaries of State and Homeland Security to
22 admit individuals to the United States as refugees if
23 they are a religious minority in their home nation,
24 because that is in the “national interest”.

1 (5) On January 27, 2017, the Christian Broad-
2 casting Network published an interview between
3 David Brody and President Trump entitled Brody
4 File Exclusive: President Trump Says Persecuted
5 Christians Will Be Given Priority As Refugees in
6 which President Trump says persecuted Christians
7 will be given priority for admission to the United
8 States over other religions.

9 (6) The Executive order entitled “Protecting
10 the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the
11 United States” authored and signed by President
12 Trump violates the Establishment Clause of the
13 United States Constitution.

14 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION.**

15 No funds, resources, or fees made available by the
16 United States Congress to any Federal agency may be
17 used to implement, administer, enforce, or carry out (in-
18 cluding through the issuance of any regulations) any of
19 the policy changes set forth in the Executive order titled
20 “Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into
21 the United States” signed by President Donald J. Trump
22 on January 27, 2017.

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