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# H. R. 6714

To provide remote access to court proceedings for victims of the 1988  
Bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 11, 2023

Mr. VAN DREW (for himself, Mr. NADLER, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey)  
introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the  
Judiciary

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## A BILL

To provide remote access to court proceedings for victims  
of the 1988 Bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over  
Lockerbie, Scotland.

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. REMOTE ACCESS TO COURT PROCEEDINGS**

4 **FOR VICTIMS OF THE 1988 BOMBING OF PAN**

5 **AM FLIGHT 103 OVER LOCKERBIE, SCOTLAND.**

6 (a) DEFINITION OF VICTIM OF CRIMES ASSOCIATED

7 WITH THE BOMBING OF PAN AM FLIGHT 103.—In this

8 section:

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),  
2           the term “victim of crimes associated with the bomb-  
3           ing of Pan Am Flight 103” means any individual—

4                   (A) who suffered direct or proximate harm  
5                   as a result of the bombing of Pan Am Flight  
6                   103 that occurred over Lockerbie, Scotland, on  
7                   December 21, 1988, and was present at or near  
8                   the scene of the bombing when it occurred, or  
9                   immediately thereafter; or

10                   (B) who is the spouse, legal guardian, par-  
11                   ent, child, brother, sister, next of kin, or other  
12                   relative of, or who is determined by the applica-  
13                   ble district court of the United States to be an  
14                   individual who possesses a relationship of simi-  
15                   lar significance to, an individual described in  
16                   subparagraph (A) or an individual otherwise de-  
17                   scribed in this subsection.

18           (2) LIMITATION.—The term “victim of crimes  
19           associated with the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103”  
20           does not include an individual who participated or  
21           conspired in the crimes associated with the bombing  
22           of Pan Am Flight 103.

23           (b) AUTHORIZATION.—

24                   (1) IN GENERAL.—On and after the date of en-  
25                   actment of this Act, and notwithstanding any provi-

1 sion of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure or  
2 other law or rule to the contrary, in order to permit  
3 victims of crimes associated with the bombing of  
4 Pan Am Flight 103 to access court proceedings in  
5 the criminal case against Abu Agila Mohammed  
6 Mas'ud Kheir Al-Marimi and against any co-con-  
7 spirator subsequently charged and prosecuted in a  
8 court of the United States for crimes related to the  
9 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103, the district  
10 court of the United States in such a case shall order  
11 that reasonable efforts be made to make remote  
12 video and telephonic access to proceedings in the  
13 case available to victims of crimes associated with  
14 the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103.

15 (2) NO LIMIT ON LOCATION.—Remote video  
16 and telephonic access to proceedings shall be made  
17 available under paragraph (1) to a victim of crimes  
18 associated with the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103  
19 without regard to the location of the victim of crimes  
20 associated with the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103.

21 (c) DISTRICT COURT DISCRETION.—Nothing in this  
22 section shall be construed to eliminate or limit the discre-  
23 tion of a district court of the United States to control the  
24 manner, circumstances, or availability of remote video or  
25 telephonic transmissions where necessary to control the

- 1 courtroom or protect the integrity of court proceedings or
- 2 the safety of parties, witnesses, or other participants in
- 3 the proceedings.

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