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To promote international press freedom, and for other purposes.

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Mr. KEATING (for himself and Mr. CICILLINE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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

To promote international press freedom, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “International Press
5 Freedom Act of 2022”.

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

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
8 ings:

1 (1) Even as the number of journalists killed in
2 war zones has reached a historic low, the number of
3 journalists killed or targeted in countries at peace
4 continues to remain at historically high levels. In
5 2020, more than $\frac{2}{3}$ of all media fatalities took place
6 in countries at peace.

7 (2) Even as the COVID–19 pandemic reduced
8 the number of journalists reporting from the field,
9 Reporters Without Borders (RSF) reported that 50
10 journalists were killed in 2020. Additionally, as of
11 December 2020, 387 journalists remained impris-
12 oned worldwide, continuing the historically high
13 trend seen in previous years, and 57 journalists were
14 held hostage.

15 (3) As the frontier between countries at war
16 and countries at peace continues to disappear, more
17 must be done to protect journalists and activists de-
18 fending human rights and spreading awareness of
19 abuse and corruption.

20 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
21 gress that—

22 (1) a free and vibrant press is the fulcrum of
23 democracy;

1 (2) the protection and advancement of the free-
2 dom of expression is a foundational value of the
3 United States;

4 (3) the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,
5 which the General Assembly of the United Nations
6 adopted in 1948 with the United States voting in
7 favor, defines freedom of expression, which includes
8 a free press, as a fundamental human right;

9 (4) the International Covenant on Civil and Po-
10 litical Rights, which the United States ratified in
11 1992, specifies that everyone shall have the “free-
12 dom to seek, receive and impart information and
13 ideas of all kinds, regardless of frontiers, either oral-
14 ly, in writing or in print, in the form of art, or
15 through any other media of his choice”; and

16 (5) it is in the national security interest of the
17 United States to promote the spread of democratic
18 values and institutions worldwide.

19 **SEC. 3. OFFICE ON INTERNATIONAL PRESS FREEDOM; CO-**
20 **ORDINATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL PRESS**
21 **FREEDOM.**

22 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE.—There is estab-
23 lished within the Department of State an Office on Inter-
24 national Press Freedom (referred to in this section as the
25 “Office”).

1 (b) COORDINATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL PRESS
2 FREEDOM.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Office shall be headed
4 by the Coordinator for International Press Freedom
5 appointed under paragraph (2).

6 (2) APPOINTMENT.—The Coordinator shall be
7 appointed by the Secretary of State.

8 (3) REPORTING.—The Coordinator shall report
9 to the Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy,
10 Human Rights, and Labor.

11 (c) DUTIES.—The Coordinator for International
12 Press Freedom shall have the following responsibilities:

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The primary responsibility
14 of the Coordinator shall be—

15 (A) to advance the right to freedom of the
16 press and freedom of expression abroad;

17 (B) to denounce violations of that right;

18 (C) to recommend appropriate responses
19 by the United States Government when that
20 right is violated;

21 (D) to recommend—

22 (i) the issuance of nonimmigrant visas
23 to individuals classified as threatened jour-
24 nalists under subsection (s) of section 214
25 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8

1 U.S.C. 1184), as added by section 6(a);
2 and

3 (ii) the provision of humanitarian pa-
4 role to certain journalists under section
5 6(b); and

6 (E) to make individualized determinations
7 with respect to the continued risk to the lives
8 and safety of such individuals and journalists,
9 as described in section 6(c).

10 (2) ADVISORY ROLE.—The Coordinator shall—

11 (A) be the principal adviser to the Assist-
12 ant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human
13 Rights, and Labor regarding matters affecting
14 press freedom abroad; and

15 (B) make recommendations regarding—

16 (i) the policies of the United States
17 Government toward foreign governments
18 that violate freedom of the press or fail to
19 ensure the safety and freedom of persons
20 engaged in free expression or journalism;
21 and

22 (ii) policies to advance the right to
23 free expression and freedom of the press
24 abroad.

1 (3) DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION.—Subject to
2 the direction of the Secretary of State and the As-
3 sistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human
4 Rights, and Labor, the Coordinator is authorized to
5 represent the United States in matters and cases
6 relevant to press freedom abroad in—

7 (A) contacts with foreign governments,
8 intergovernmental organizations, and special-
9 ized agencies of the United Nations, the Orga-
10 nization for Security and Co-operation in Eu-
11 rope, and other international organizations of
12 which the United States is a member; and

13 (B) multilateral conferences and meetings
14 relevant to press freedom abroad.

15 (4) OTHER DUTIES.—The Coordinator shall
16 have such other responsibilities in carrying out this
17 Act as the Secretary of State and the Assistant Sec-
18 retary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and
19 Labor determine.

20 (d) FUNDING.—The Secretary of State shall provide
21 the Coordinator for International Press Freedom with
22 such funds as may be necessary for the hiring of staff
23 for—

24 (1) the Office;

- 1 (2) the conduct of investigations by the Office;
2 and
3 (3) necessary travel.

4 **SEC. 4. AT-RISK JOURNALISTS FUND.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
6 Treasury of the United States a fund, to be known as the
7 “At-Risk Journalists Fund” (in this section referred to
8 as the “Fund”), to be administered by the Secretary of
9 State.

10 (b) PURPOSES OF THE FUND.—The Secretary of
11 State shall use the amounts in the Fund for the following
12 purposes:

13 (1) To support journalists operating in restric-
14 tive environments by providing—

15 (A) training in digital identity protection
16 and physical security; and

17 (B) psycho-social care.

18 (2) To provide short-term emergency assistance
19 to support and protect journalists who have been
20 threatened, harassed, or attacked and need to relo-
21 cate, which may be provided through existing mecha-
22 nisms such as the Human Rights Defenders Fund of
23 the Department of State.

24 (3) To provide medium-term emergency assist-
25 ance resources for journalists in danger, including

1 continuing support to journalists described in para-
2 graph (2) whose relocations must be extended due to
3 ongoing security concerns.

4 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts authorized to be ap-
5 propriated under subsection (e) shall be obligated and ex-
6 pended consistent with the action plan required by section
7 7032(i)(1) of the Department of State, Foreign Oper-
8 ations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2018
9 (division K of Public Law 115–141).

10 (d) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1 of
12 each year, the Secretary of State shall submit to the
13 appropriate committees of Congress a report on the
14 Fund.

15 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by para-
16 graph (1) shall include the following:

17 (A) The total amount expended from the
18 Fund during the previous calendar year for
19 each of the purposes specified in subsection (b).

20 (B) A description of the specific programs
21 implemented using amounts from the Fund
22 during such year.

23 (C) Data regarding the number and na-
24 tionality of journalists assisted using such
25 amounts during such year.

1 (D) Such accounts of individuals assisted
2 by the Fund during such year that the Sec-
3 retary of State considers relevant to share.

4 (3) DEFINITION OF APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES
5 OF CONGRESS.—In this subsection, the term “appro-
6 priate committees of Congress” means—

7 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations,
8 the Committee on Appropriations, and the
9 Human Rights Caucus of the Senate; and

10 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
11 Committee on Appropriations, and the Tom
12 Lantos Human Rights Commission of the
13 House of Representatives.

14 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
16 appropriated to the Fund \$30,000,000 to carry out
17 this section for each of the 5 fiscal years beginning
18 with the first fiscal year that begins after the date
19 of the enactment of this Act.

20 (2) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS.—Amounts au-
21 thorized to be appropriated under paragraph (1)
22 shall remain available until expended.

23 (f) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
24 gress that—

1 (1) amounts authorized to be appropriated
2 under subsection (e) should be appropriated in addi-
3 tion to amounts regularly appropriated for other
4 programs to promote human rights and civil society;
5 and

6 (2) support for civil society activists and other
7 human rights defenders provided by the Federal
8 Government as of the date of the enactment of this
9 Act should not be decreased.

10 **SEC. 5. ASSISTANCE TO COMBAT IMPUNITY.**

11 (a) LIST OF COUNTRIES.—Not later than 180 days
12 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and not later
13 than March 1 of each year thereafter, the Secretary of
14 State, in consultation with the Attorney General of the
15 United States and nongovernmental organizations with ex-
16 pertise in threats to journalists worldwide, shall create a
17 list of not less than 10 countries in which journalists face
18 the greatest risk of murder, assault, harassment, intima-
19 tion, or other crimes.

20 (b) BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS AND
21 LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Of amounts appropriated
23 each fiscal year for “International Narcotics Control
24 and Law Enforcement” for bilateral assistance for
25 each country identified in the list required by sub-

1 section (a), the Assistant Secretary of State for
2 International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Af-
3 fairs shall use not less than 10 percent for programs
4 to assist police, prosecutors, judges, and other indi-
5 viduals—

6 (A) to support the investigation and pros-
7 ecution of individuals who commit crimes
8 against journalists; and

9 (B) to prevent such crimes.

10 (2) CONSULTATION.—The Assistant Secretary
11 of State for International Narcotics and Law En-
12 forcement Affairs shall develop the programs de-
13 scribed in paragraph (1) in consultation with the
14 Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor of
15 the Department of State, the Department of Justice,
16 and other local or international organizations with
17 expertise in threats to journalists in the relevant
18 country.

19 (c) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and not
22 later than March 1 of each year thereafter, the As-
23 sistant Secretary of State for International Nar-
24 cotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, in consultation
25 with the Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy,

1 Human Rights, and Labor, shall submit to Congress
2 a report outlining the efforts and level of success of
3 such Assistant Secretaries in combating impunity for
4 attacks against journalists, with special emphasis on
5 the countries identified in the list required by sub-
6 section (a).

7 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by para-
8 graph (1) shall include the following:

9 (A) The number of journalists in foreign
10 countries who were killed, attacked, harassed,
11 or intimidated during the previous calendar
12 year.

13 (B) The number of cases of crimes against
14 journalists in foreign countries that were pros-
15 ecuted, the number of convictions in those
16 cases, and the sentences for individuals con-
17 victed, during such year.

18 (C) A description of any relevant preven-
19 tion efforts or training conducted by the Bu-
20 reau of International Narcotics and Law En-
21 forcement Affairs of the Department of State
22 for host nation officials, journalists, or other in-
23 dividuals during such year.

1 **SEC. 6. NONIMMIGRANT VISAS AND HUMANITARIAN PA-**
2 **ROLE FOR THREATENED JOURNALISTS.**

3 (a) NONIMMIGRANT VISAS.—

4 (1) EXPANSION OF FOREIGN MEDIA NON-
5 IMMIGRANT VISA CATEGORY.—Section 101(a)(15)(I)
6 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
7 1101(a)(15)(I)) is amended—

8 (A) by inserting “(i)” before “upon a
9 basis”;

10 (B) by striking “him;” and inserting “the
11 alien; or”; and

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

13 “(ii) an alien who is classified as a threat-
14 ened journalist under section 214(s), and the
15 spouse and children of such an alien if accom-
16 panying or following to join the alien;”.

17 (2) THREATENED JOURNALIST DEFINED.—Sec-
18 tion 214 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
19 U.S.C. 1184) is amended by adding at the end the
20 following:

21 “(s)(1) An alien shall be classified as a threatened
22 journalist under this subsection if the Secretary of State,
23 the Coordinator for International Press Freedom, or an
24 appropriate Chief of Mission (after consultation with the
25 Secretary or the Coordinator) determines that—

1 “(A) the alien is a journalist who practices (on
2 a regular or professional basis) the collection and
3 dissemination of information to the public through
4 any means of mass communication;

5 “(B) the alien—

6 “(i) has been threatened, harassed, or at-
7 tacked on account of, or in the exercise of, jour-
8 nalistic activity; or

9 “(ii) has a well-founded fear of future per-
10 secution on account of the alien’s journalistic
11 activity;

12 “(C) the alien has conducted reporting con-
13 sistent with the values and standards of professional
14 journalism, including—

15 “(i) the collection and dissemination of in-
16 formation, freely and in accordance with the
17 principles of attachment to the truth, plurality
18 of points of view, and rationality with respect to
19 the methods of establishment of fact and fact
20 verification;

21 “(ii) the demonstration of a commitment
22 to free pursuit of the truth, factual accuracy,
23 and no intention to harm;

24 “(iii) refraining from dissemination of mis-
25 leading or incorrect information, and refraining

1 from concealing information that should be
2 known to the public;

3 “(iv) the regular or professional collection
4 of information and ideas and dissemination to
5 the public through any means of mass commu-
6 nication;

7 “(v) the use of professional methods of es-
8 tablishing and verifying the facts, and endeav-
9 oring to be factually accurate;

10 “(vi) behavior and actions that are in ac-
11 cordance with the principles of freedom of ex-
12 pression;

13 “(vii) respect for ethical principles of the
14 profession of journalism, in particular the du-
15 ties attached to such principles;

16 “(viii) the treatment of information in a
17 manner that serves the general interests and
18 the fundamental rights of the public, and does
19 not regard information as a commercial prod-
20 uct;

21 “(ix) engagement in activities that fall
22 within the framework of editorial independence;

23 “(x) the impartial presentation of facts,
24 disregarding as much as possible his or her own

1 interests and prejudices, and rejection of all
2 forms of connivance or conflict of interest;

3 “(xi) respect for the plurality of sources
4 and points of view;

5 “(xii) a refusal to engage in manipulation
6 of information; and

7 “(xiii) the observation and reporting of
8 events without actively participating in them;
9 and

10 “(D) temporary measures implemented by the
11 Secretary of State using amounts authorized to be
12 appropriated under section 4(e) of the International
13 Press Freedom Act of 2022 are insufficient to pro-
14 tect the life or safety of the alien or the spouse or
15 child of the alien.

16 “(2) In processing nonimmigrant visa applications for
17 aliens described in paragraph (1) and the spouse and chil-
18 dren of such aliens who are accompanying or following to
19 join them, the Secretary of State shall—

20 “(A) offer interview appointments to such
21 aliens not later than 3 business days after receiving
22 an application from such aliens; and

23 “(B) prioritize the review and processing of
24 such applications ahead of any nonemergency non-
25 immigrant visa applications.

1 “(3) In the case of an alien spouse admitted under
2 section 101(a)(15)(I)(ii), who is accompanying or fol-
3 lowing to join a principal alien admitted under such sec-
4 tion, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall authorize
5 the alien spouse to engage in employment in the United
6 States and provide the spouse with an ‘employment au-
7 thorized’ endorsement or other appropriate work permit.”.

8 (3) CHANGE OF STATUS.—Section 248(b) of
9 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
10 1258(b)) is amended by striking “(T) or (U)” and
11 inserting “(I)(ii), (T), or (U)”.

12 (4) RULEMAKING.—The Secretary of Homeland
13 Security shall amend part 214 of title 8, Code of
14 Federal Regulations, as appropriate, to ensure that
15 each alien described in section 101(a)(15)(I)(ii) of
16 the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by
17 paragraph (1)—

18 (A) is permitted to remain in the United
19 States—

20 (i) while classified as a threatened
21 journalist pursuant to section 214(s) of
22 such Act, as added by paragraph (2); or

23 (ii) with respect to the spouse and
24 children of a threatened journalist, while

1 such classification remains in effect for the
2 spouse or parent;

3 (B) receives an Employment Authorization
4 Document;

5 (C) is not denied a nonimmigrant visa
6 under such section 101(a)(15)(I)(ii) or the ex-
7 tension of such visa based on the approval of a
8 permanent labor certification, the filing of a
9 preference petition on behalf of the alien, or the
10 pursuit of refugee or asylee status; and

11 (D) is provided with notification of each
12 determination under subsection (c).

13 (5) APPLICABILITY OF REGULATION.—The final
14 rule of the Department of Homeland Security enti-
15 tled “Period of Admission and Extensions of Stay
16 for Representatives of Foreign Information Media
17 Seeking to Enter the United States” (85 Fed. Reg.
18 91 (May 11, 2020)) shall not apply to a non-
19 immigrant described in section 101(a)(15)(I)(ii).

20 (b) HUMANITARIAN PAROLE.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland
22 Security shall consider, on a case-by-case basis for
23 urgent humanitarian reasons, and in accordance
24 with section 212(d)(5)(B) of the Immigration and
25 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)(B)), the provi-

1 sion of humanitarian parole to aliens described in
2 section 214(s) of such Act, as added by subsection
3 (a)(2), who meet the criteria described in paragraph
4 (2).

5 (2) CRITERIA.—

6 (A) LIFE OR SAFETY AT RISK.—The Sec-
7 retary of State, the Coordinator for Inter-
8 national Press Freedom, or an appropriate
9 Chief of Mission (after consultation with the
10 Secretary or the Coordinator) affirms that the
11 life or safety of the alien is at risk if the alien
12 remains in his or her country of origin or coun-
13 try of last habitual residence.

14 (B) WRITTEN RECOMMENDATION.—The
15 Secretary of State or the Chief of Mission
16 (after consultation with the Secretary) has sub-
17 mitted to the Secretary of Homeland Security
18 and the Attorney General a favorable written
19 recommendation that humanitarian parole for
20 the alien furthers the foreign policy interests or
21 national security interests of the United States.

22 (3) PREFERENCE FOR ADMISSION AS NON-
23 IMMIGRANT.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—With respect to an
25 alien who meets the criteria described in para-

1 graph (2), subject to subparagraph (B), the
2 Secretary of Homeland Security shall exercise a
3 preference for admission as a nonimmigrant de-
4 scribed in clause (ii) of section 101(a)(15)(I) of
5 such Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(I)), as added
6 by subsection (a)(1).

7 (B) IMMINENT DANGER.—In the case of
8 imminent danger to such an alien—

9 (i)(I) the Secretary of State may sub-
10 mit to the Secretary of Homeland Security
11 a request to parole the alien into the
12 United States under this subsection; and

13 (II) the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
14 rity may parole the alien into the United
15 States; or

16 (ii) the Secretary of State may coordi-
17 nate directly with the Commissioner of
18 U.S. Customs and Border Protection for
19 the parole of the alien into the United
20 States under this subsection.

21 (c) INDIVIDUALIZED DETERMINATION WITH RE-
22 SPECT TO CONTINUED RISK TO LIFE OR SAFETY.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to each alien
24 admitted to the United States as a threatened jour-
25 nalist described in clause (ii) of section

1 101(a)(15)(I) of the Immigration and Nationality
2 Act, as added by subsection (a)(1), or paroled into
3 the United States under subsection (b), not less fre-
4 quently than once every 5 years after such admission
5 or parole, the Coordinator for International Press
6 Freedom shall make a determination as to whether
7 the alien's life or safety would be at risk if the alien
8 were to return to his or her country of origin or
9 country of last habitual residence.

10 (2) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 30 days
11 after the date on which the Coordinator makes a de-
12 termination under paragraph (1), the Coordinator
13 shall notify the alien of such determination.

14 (3) EFFECT OF DETERMINATION.—If the Coor-
15 dinator determines that an alien's life or safety
16 would not be at risk if the alien were to return to
17 his or her country of origin or country of last habit-
18 ual residence, not later than 120 days after the date
19 of such determination—

20 (A) the alien's status as a nonimmigrant
21 described in paragraph (15)(I)(ii) of section
22 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act
23 (8 U.S.C. 101(a)) shall terminate; and

24 (B) the alien shall be required—

25 (i) to depart the United States; or

1 (ii) to change or adjust his or her sta-
2 tus under the immigration laws (as defined
3 in such section) to a status for which the
4 alien is eligible.

5 **SEC. 7. TRAINING FOR REFUGEE OFFICERS.**

6 Section 207(f)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality
7 Act (8 U.S.C. 1157(f)(2)) is amended—

8 (1) by striking the period at the end and insert-
9 ing “; and”;

10 (2) by striking “include country-specific condi-
11 tions, instruction” and inserting “include—

12 “(A) country-specific conditions;

13 “(B) instruction”; and

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

15 “(C) instruction on the internationally rec-
16 ognized right to freedom of the press, instruc-
17 tion on methods of persecution of, or attacks
18 on, journalists in foreign countries, and applica-
19 ble distinctions between traditional and non-
20 traditional journalists.”.

21 **SEC. 8. TRAINING FOR FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS.**

22 Section 708 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22
23 U.S.C. 4028) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
24 lowing:

1 “(e) FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION.—The Secretary of
2 State, with the assistance of other relevant officials, such
3 as the Coordinator for International Press Freedom ap-
4 pointed under section 3(b)(2) of the International Press
5 Freedom Act of 2022, and distinguished nongovernmental
6 organizations that advocate for press freedoms, shall pro-
7 vide to each Foreign Service officer who will work overseas
8 in the areas of political affairs, public diplomacy, or con-
9 sular affairs, or as a Deputy Chief of Mission or Chief
10 of Mission, pre-departure instruction that includes infor-
11 mation about the following:

12 “(1) The scope and value of freedom of expres-
13 sion.

14 “(2) How violations of the freedom the press
15 harm the interests of the United States.

16 “(3) The relevance of international freedom of
17 the press to the advancement of the defense, diplo-
18 macy, development, and public affairs efforts and in-
19 terests of the United States.

20 “(4) With respect to the country in which the
21 Foreign Service officer will be posted, the nature, se-
22 verity, and origins of threats facing journalists in
23 their reporting and United States Government and
24 nongovernmental mechanisms available to mitigate
25 those threats.

1 “(5) The role of nontraditional media platforms
2 and nontraditional journalists in the press in the
3 country in which the Foreign Service officer will be
4 posted.”.

5 **SEC. 9. REPORTS.**

6 (a) DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ANNUAL
7 REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than March 1 of each
8 year, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit a
9 report to the appropriate committees of Congress that
10 identifies, with respect to the preceding fiscal year—

11 (1) the number of threatened journalist aliens
12 who were issued a nonimmigrant visa under clause
13 (ii) of section 101(a)(15)(I) of the Immigration and
14 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(I)), as added
15 by section 6(a), disaggregated by country of nation-
16 ality;

17 (2) the number of family members of aliens de-
18 scribed in paragraph (1) who were issued a non-
19 immigrant visa under such clause (ii), disaggregated
20 by country of nationality;

21 (3) the number of alien journalists who were
22 granted humanitarian parole pursuant to section
23 6(b) due to their work as journalists, disaggregated
24 by country of nationality;

1 (4) the number of family members of aliens de-
2 scribed in paragraph (3) who were granted humani-
3 tarian parole pursuant to section 6(b), disaggregated
4 by country of nationality; and

5 (5) such other information as the Secretary
6 considers relevant.

7 (b) GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE REPORT
8 TO CONGRESS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after
10 the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 3
11 years thereafter on March 1, the Comptroller Gen-
12 eral of the United States shall submit to the appro-
13 priate committees of Congress a report analyzing the
14 barriers that prevent foreign journalists from obtain-
15 ing visas for admission into the United States.

16 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-
17 graph (1) shall assess the following:

18 (A) The success of programs relating to in-
19 country support for foreign journalists, tem-
20 porary resettlement of such journalists in third
21 countries, admission of such journalists under
22 clause (ii) of section 101(a)(15)(I) of the Immig-
23 ration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
24 1101(a)(15)(I)), as added by section 6(a), and

1 humanitarian parole for such journalists under
2 section 6(b).

3 (B) The processing speeds and delays in
4 the program providing nonimmigrant visas to
5 journalists under clause (ii) of section
6 101(a)(15)(I) of the Immigration and Nation-
7 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(I)), as added
8 by section 6(a).

9 (3) CONSULTATION.—In preparing the report
10 required by paragraph (1), the Comptroller General
11 shall consult with—

12 (A) the Attorney General;

13 (B) the Secretary of Homeland Security;

14 (C) the Secretary of State; and

15 (D) nongovernmental organizations that
16 advocate for the safety of journalists, as deter-
17 mined by the Comptroller General.

18 (4) DEFINITION OF APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES
19 OF CONGRESS.—In this subsection, the term “appro-
20 priate committees of Congress” means—

21 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations,
22 the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
23 ernmental Affairs, the Committee on the Judi-
24 ciary, and the Human Rights Caucus of the
25 Senate; and

1 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
2 Committee on Homeland Security, the Com-
3 mittee on the Judiciary, and the Tom Lantos
4 Human Rights Commission of the House of
5 Representatives.

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