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H. R. 7737

To direct the Secretary of State to add questions to visa application forms related to membership and affiliation with Communist or other totalitarian parties, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BANKS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Communist Visa
5 Transparency Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL WRITTEN QUESTIONS ON VISA APPLI-**
2 **CATION FORMS.**

3 (a) NONIMMIGRANT VISA APPLICATION FORM.—Not
4 later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this
5 Act, the Secretary of State shall revise the nonimmigrant
6 visa application form (DS–160) to include, under the por-
7 tion of the application related to security and background,
8 the following questions:

9 (1) Whether the alien is a member of or is af-
10 filiated with the Communist or other totalitarian
11 party.

12 (2) For an alien who indicates on such applica-
13 tion that their country of origin is China, whether
14 the alien is or has been a member of, employed or
15 funded by, or otherwise affiliated with China’s mili-
16 tary, paramilitary, law enforcement, public security,
17 or national security forces.

18 (b) IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICATION FORM.—Not later
19 than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act,
20 the Secretary of State shall revise the immigrant visa ap-
21 plication form (DS–260) to include, under the portion of
22 the application related to security and background, for an
23 alien who indicates on such application that their country
24 of origin is China, the question of whether the alien is
25 or has been a member of, employed or funded by, or other-

- 1 wise affiliated with China's military, paramilitary, law en-
- 2 forcement, public security, or national security forces.

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