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H. R. 8608

To amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit access by certain individuals to certain areas of airports, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 4, 2024

Mr. GIMENEZ (for himself, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Ms. SALAZAR, and Mr. MOSKOWITZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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 “Secure Airports From
5 Enemies Act” or the “SAFE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON ACCESS BY CERTAIN INDIVID-**
2 **UALS TO CERTAIN AREAS OF AIRPORTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 449 of
4 title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
5 end the following new section:

6 **“§ 44930. Prohibition on certain access by certain in-**
7 **dividuals**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
9 vision of law, the Administrator of the Transportation Se-
10 curity Administration may not permit any access to the
11 locations specified in subsection (b) to any individual who
12 is a representative of or acting on behalf of a country spec-
13 ified in subsection (c).

14 “(b) LOCATIONS SPECIFIED.—The locations specified
15 in this subsection are the following:

16 “(1) The secured area of an airport.

17 “(2) The Security Identification Display Area
18 (SIDA) of an airport.

19 “(3) The sterile area of an airport.

20 “(4) The air cargo area of an airport.

21 “(c) COUNTRIES SPECIFIED.—A country specified in
22 this subsection is a country the government of which the
23 Secretary of State determines, or has determined at any
24 time in the immediately preceding three years, has repeat-
25 edly provided support for international terrorism pursuant
26 to—

1 “(1) section 1754(c)(1)(A) of the Export Con-
2 trol Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4813(c)(1)(A));

3 “(2) section 620A of the Foreign Assistance
4 Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371);

5 “(3) section 40 of the Arms Export Control Act
6 (22 U.S.C. 2780); or

7 “(4) any other provision of law.

8 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms ‘se-
9 cured area’, ‘Security Identification Display Area (SIDA)’,
10 and ‘sterile area’ have the meanings given such terms in
11 section 1540.5 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations.”.

12 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
13 for subchapter I of chapter 449 of title 49, United States
14 Code, is amended by adding at the following new item:

“44930. Prohibition on certain access by certain individuals.”.

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