

1 **DIVISION G—DEPARTMENT OF**
2 **STATE AUTHORIZATION ACT**
3 **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025**

4 **SEC. 7001. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

5 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This division may be cited as the
6 “Department of State Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
7 2025”.

8 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for
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1 SEC. 7002. DEFINITIONS.

2 In this division:

3 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
4 trator” means the Administrator of the United
5 States Agency for International Development.

6 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
7 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
8 mittees” means the Committee on Foreign Relations
9 of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs
10 of the House of Representatives.

11 (3) DEPARTMENT.—The term “Department”
12 means the Department of State.

13 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
14 the Secretary of State.

1 (5) USAID.—The term “USAID” means the
2 United States Agency for International Develop-
3 ment.

4 **TITLE LXXI—WORKFORCE**
5 **MATTERS**

6 **SEC. 7101. COMPETITIVE LOCAL COMPENSATION PLAN.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that—

8 (1) the effectiveness and stability of United
9 States foreign missions are linked to the dedication
10 and expertise of locally employed staff; and

11 (2) ensuring competitive compensation packages
12 benchmarked against the local market is essential
13 not only to retain valuable talent but also to reflect
14 a commitment to employment practices abroad.

15 **SEC. 7102. STRATEGY FOR TARGETED RECRUITMENT OF**
16 **CIVIL SERVANTS.**

17 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
18 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the appro-
19 priate congressional committees and the Committee on
20 Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Ap-
21 propriations of the House of Representatives a strategy
22 for targeted and proactive recruitment to fill open civil
23 service positions, focusing on recruiting from schools or
24 organizations, and on platforms targeting those with rel-
25 evant expertise related to such positions.

1 **SEC. 7103. ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS.**

2 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
3 gress that—

4 (1) Foreign Service personnel at the Depart-
5 ment serve with distinction in austere places and
6 under challenging conditions around the world with
7 limited healthcare availability;

8 (2) the use of paper medical records, which re-
9 quire Foreign Service personnel to carry files con-
10 taining protected health information from post to
11 post, limits the availability of their health informa-
12 tion to Department medical personnel during critical
13 health incidents;

14 (3) electronic medical records are necessary,
15 particularly as the Department opens new embassies
16 in the South Pacific, thousands of miles from the
17 nearest Department medical officer, who may not
18 have access to up-to-date personnel medical files;

19 (4) the lack of electronic medical records is
20 even more important for mental health records, as
21 the Department only has a small number of regional
22 medical officer psychiatrists and relies heavily on
23 telehealth for most Foreign Service personnel; and

24 (5) due to the critical need for electronic med-
25 ical records, it is imperative that the Department
26 address the situation quickly and focus on secure

1 commercially available or other successful systems
2 utilized by public and private sector organizations
3 with a track record of successfully implementing
4 large-scale projects of this type.

5 (b) ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS REQUIRE-
6 MENT.—Not later than December 31, 2027, the Secretary
7 shall have fully implemented an electronic medical records
8 process or system for all Foreign Service personnel and
9 their Eligible Family Members that eliminates reliance on
10 paper medical records and includes appropriate safeguards
11 to protect personal privacy.

12 (c) REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
14 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and
15 every 180 days thereafter, the Secretary shall sub-
16 mit to the appropriate congressional committees and
17 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and
18 the Committee on Appropriations of the House of
19 Representatives a report on the progress made to-
20 wards meeting the requirement under subsection (b).

21 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under
22 paragraph (1) shall include the following elements:

23 (A) An updated timeline for implementa-
24 tion.

25 (B) An estimated completion date.

1 (C) The amounts expended to date on the
2 required electronic medical records system.

3 (D) The estimated amount needed to com-
4 plete the system.

5 (3) TERMINATION OF REQUIREMENT.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—The reporting require-
7 ment under paragraph (1) shall cease upon the
8 earlier of—

9 (i) notification to the appropriate con-
10 gressional committees that electronic med-
11 ical records have been completely imple-
12 mented for all Foreign Service personnel;
13 and

14 (ii) the date that is 5 years after the
15 date of the enactment of this Act.

16 (B) REPORT REQUIRED IN CASE OF NON-
17 IMPLEMENTATION.—If the Department has not
18 completely implemented electronic medical
19 records within 5 years of the date of the enact-
20 ment of this Act, the final report submitted
21 under paragraph (1) shall include an expla-
22 nation for the lack of completion and steps the
23 Department will take to finalize the electronic
24 medical records process.

1 **SEC. 7104. PORTABILITY OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 9 of the Foreign Service
3 Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4081 et seq.) is amended by add-
4 ing after section 908 (22 U.S.C. 4088) the following new
5 section:

6 **“SEC. 909. PORTABILITY OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSES.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In any case in which a member
8 of the Foreign Service or the spouse of a member of the
9 Foreign Service has a covered United States license and
10 such member of the Foreign Service or spouse relocates
11 his or her residency because of an assignment or detail
12 to a location that is not in the jurisdiction of the licensing
13 authority that issued the covered license, such covered li-
14 cense shall be considered valid at a similar scope of prac-
15 tice and in the discipline applied for in the jurisdiction
16 of such new residency for the duration of such an assign-
17 ment or detail if such member of the Foreign Service or
18 spouse—

19 “(1) provides a copy of the member’s notifica-
20 tion of assignment to the licensing authority in the
21 jurisdiction in which the new residency is located;

22 “(2) remains in good standing with—

23 “(A) the licensing authority that issued the
24 covered license; and

25 “(B) every other licensing authority that
26 has issued to the member of the Foreign Serv-

1 ice or spouse a license valid at a similar scope
2 of practice and in the discipline applied in the
3 jurisdiction of such licensing authority; and

4 “(3) submits to the authority of the licensing
5 authority in the new jurisdiction for the purposes of
6 standards of practice, discipline, and fulfillment of
7 any continuing education requirements.

8 “(b) INTERSTATE LICENSURE COMPACTS.—If a
9 member of the Foreign Service or spouse of a member of
10 the Foreign Service is licensed and able to operate in mul-
11 tiple jurisdictions through an interstate licensure compact,
12 with respect to services provided in the jurisdiction of the
13 interstate licensure compact by a licensee covered by such
14 compact, the member of the Foreign Service or spouse of
15 a member of the Foreign Service shall be subject to the
16 requirements of the compact or the applicable provisions
17 of law of the applicable State and not this section.

18 “(c) COVERED LICENSE DEFINED.—In this section,
19 the term ‘covered license’ means a professional license or
20 certificate—

21 “(1) that is in good standing with the licensing
22 authority that issued such professional license or
23 certificate;

24 “(2) that the member of the Foreign Service or
25 spouse of a member of the Foreign Service has ac-

1 tively used during the two years immediately pre-
2 ceding the relocation described in subsection (a); and

3 “(3) that is not a license to practice law.”.

4 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
5 in section 2 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 is amended
6 by inserting after the item relating to section 908 the fol-
7 lowing new item:

“Sec. 909. Portability of professional licenses.”.

8 **SEC. 7105. EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEPARTMENT-**
9 **PAID STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 9201 of the Department
11 of State Authorization Act of 2022 (22 U.S. 2737) is
12 amended—

13 (1) in subsection (b)(2)(A), by inserting “or
14 have graduated from such an institution within the
15 six months preceding application to the Program”
16 after “paragraph (1)”;

17 (2) in subsection (c), by inserting “and gives
18 preference as appropriate to individuals who have
19 not previously completed internships within the De-
20 partment of State and the United States Agency for
21 International Development” after “career in foreign
22 affairs”; and

23 (3) by adding at the end the following sub-
24 sections:

1 “(k) WORK HOURS FLEXIBILITY.—Students partici-
2 pating in the Program may work fewer than 40 hours per
3 week and a minimum of 24 hours per week to accommo-
4 date their academic schedules, provided that the total du-
5 ration of the internship remains consistent with program
6 requirements.

7 “(l) MENTORSHIP PROGRAM.—The Secretary and
8 Administrator are authorized to establish a mentoring and
9 coaching program that pairs Foreign Service or Civil Serv-
10 ice employees with interns who choose to participate
11 throughout the duration of their internship.”.

12 **SEC. 7106. CAREER INTERMISSION PROGRAM ADJUSTMENT**
13 **TO ENHANCE RETENTION.**

14 (a) AUTHORITY TO EXTEND FEDERAL EMPLOYEE
15 HEALTH BENEFIT COVERAGE.—The Secretary and Ad-
16 ministrators are authorized to offer employees the option
17 of extending Federal Employee Health Benefit coverage
18 during pre-approved leave without pay for up to 3 years.

19 (b) RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREMIUM PAYMENTS.—If
20 an employee elects to continue coverage pursuant to sub-
21 section (a) for longer than 365 days, the employee shall
22 be responsible for 100 percent of the premium (employee
23 share and government share) during such longer period.

1 **SEC. 7107. ASSIGNMENT PROCESS MODERNIZATION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after
3 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
4 modernize the Foreign Service bidding process, and should
5 consider incorporating the following elements:

6 (1) A stable-pair matching, preference-ranking
7 system for non-directed Foreign Service employees
8 and hiring bureaus, allowing for a more strategic
9 alignment of workforce and resources.

10 (2) Incorporation of lessons learned from the
11 previous stable-pair matching bidding pilot frame-
12 work referred to as “iMatch” but applied more ex-
13 pansively to include non-directed assignments up
14 through FS–01 positions, taking advantage of effi-
15 ciency benefits such as tandem assignment
16 functionalities.

17 (3) Mechanisms to ensure transparency, effi-
18 ciency, effectiveness, accountability, and flexibility in
19 the assignment process, while maintaining equal op-
20 portunities for all employees in the Foreign Service.

21 (4) An independent auditing process to ensure
22 adherence to established rules, effectiveness in meet-
23 ing the Department’s needs, and prevention of bias
24 or manipulation, including through the use of pro-
25 tected categories in making assignment decisions.

1 (b) CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN PROMOTION
2 ISSUES.—In parallel with assignment process moderniza-
3 tion efforts, the Secretary shall—

4 (1) assess whether any point systems tied to
5 promotion incentives should consider service in hard-
6 to-fill or critical positions; and

7 (2) assess whether the practice of dividing the
8 assignment process into winter and summer cycles is
9 necessary or efficient compared to stable matching
10 processes.

11 (c) REPORTING AND OVERSIGHT.—Not later than 18
12 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
13 Secretary shall provide the appropriate congressional com-
14 mittees a report on the implementation of the assignment
15 process under this section, including—

16 (1) data on match rates, including in filling
17 critical or priority positions, officer and hiring office
18 satisfaction, and the impact on tandem placements;

19 (2) recommendations for further modifications
20 to the bidding process;

21 (3) an overview of the strategy used to commu-
22 nicate any changes to the workforce; and

23 (4) results of analysis into additional trans-
24 parency efforts, including those described in sub-
25 section (a)(3).

1 **SEC. 7108. REPORT ON MODIFYING CONSULAR TOUR AND**
2 **FIRST TOURS REQUIREMENTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall sub-
5 mit to the appropriate congressional committees a report
6 that evaluates—

7 (1) the feasibility of reducing, removing, or add-
8 ing flexibility to the directed consular tours require-
9 ments for non-consular-coned generalist members of
10 the Foreign Service;

11 (2) the projected impact on consular services if
12 the current practice of directed consular tours are
13 revised or removed, and projected additional re-
14 sources or authorities that would be needed to ad-
15 dress such impact; and

16 (3) the feasibility of requiring that first tours
17 for members of the Foreign Service be assigned in
18 the National Capital Region.

19 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-
20 section (a) shall include a description of resources required
21 to implement the changes described in such subsection, a
22 timeline for implementation, and an assessment of the
23 benefits and consequences of such changes, including any
24 obstacles.

1 **SEC. 7109. PER DIEM ALLOWANCE FOR NEWLY HIRED MEM-**
2 **BERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE.**

3 (a) PER DIEM ALLOWANCE.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
5 graph (2), any newly hired Foreign Service employee
6 who is in initial orientation training, or any other
7 training expected to last less than 6 months in the
8 Washington, D.C. area before transferring to the
9 employee's first assignment overseas or domestically
10 outside the Washington, D.C. area shall, for the du-
11 ration of such training, receive a per diem allowance
12 at the levels prescribed under subchapter I of chap-
13 ter 57 of title 5, United States Code.

14 (2) LIMITATION ON LODGING EXPENSES.—A
15 newly hired Foreign Service employee may not re-
16 ceive any lodging expenses under the applicable per
17 diem allowance pursuant to paragraph (1) if that
18 employee—

19 (A) has a permanent residence in the
20 Washington, D.C., area (not including govern-
21 ment-supplied housing during such orientation
22 training or other training); and

23 (B) does not vacate such residence during
24 such orientation training or other training.

25 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

1 (1) the term “per diem allowance” has the
2 meaning given such term in section 5701 of title 5,
3 United States Code; and

4 (2) the term “Washington, D.C., area” means
5 the geographic area within a 50-mile radius of the
6 Washington Monument.

7 **SEC. 7110. TERMINATION OF RESIDENTIAL OR MOTOR VE-**
8 **HICLE LEASES AND TELEPHONE SERVICE**
9 **CONTRACTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN**
10 **SERVICE.**

11 Section 907 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22
12 U.S.C. 4087) is amended by striking “Service who are
13 posted abroad at a Foreign Service post” and inserting
14 “Foreign Service who are posted in the United States or
15 posted abroad”.

16 **SEC. 7111. NEEDS-BASED CHILDCARE SUBSIDIES ENROLL-**
17 **MENT PERIOD.**

18 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
19 ment of this Act, the Department and USAID shall—

20 (1) issue and maintain guidance on how to
21 apply for any program authorized under section 630
22 of the Treasury and General Government Appropria-
23 tions Act, 2002 (Public Law 107–67; 115 Stat.
24 552); and

1 (3) increases or decreases costs to the United
2 States Government;

3 (4) produces overly burdensome restrictions in
4 times of urgent travel such as Emergency Visitation
5 Travel and Ordered/Authorized Departure; and

6 (5) a description of other relevant issues the
7 Comptroller General determines appropriate.

8 **SEC. 7113. SEMIANNUAL REPORT ON GLOBAL FOOTPRINT.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, and every 180 days
11 thereafter for 5 years, the Secretary shall submit to the
12 appropriate congressional committees and the Committee
13 on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on
14 Appropriations of the House of Representatives a report
15 on the global footprint of the Department.

16 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-
17 section (a) shall include, for each diplomatic post—

18 (1) the number and type of Department em-
19 ployees assigned to the post; and

20 (2) the number of allocated positions that re-
21 main unfilled.

22 (c) FORM.—The report required under subsection (a)
23 shall be submitted in classified form.

1 **SEC. 7114. REPORT ON FORMER FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AD-**
2 **VISING FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter
5 for 3 years, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate
6 congressional committees, the Select Committee on Intel-
7 ligence, the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-
8 mental Affairs, and the Committee on Armed Services of
9 the Senate, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-
10 ligence, the Committee on Oversight and Accountability,
11 and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of
12 Representatives a report that identifies former United
13 States Government senior officials who have been ap-
14 proved by the Secretary to advise foreign governments.

15 (b) FORM.—The report required under subsection (a)
16 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include
17 a classified annex.

18 **SEC. 7115. AUTHORITY TO PAY FOR OR REIMBURSE FOR**
19 **CERTAIN SECURITY SERVICES.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary and the Adminis-
21 trator are authorized to pay for or reimburse for appro-
22 priate security services to mitigate risks to certain employ-
23 ees or members of their households resulting from or re-
24 lated to the employee's official duties or affiliation with
25 the Department or USAID. These security equipment or
26 services may include security cameras and services to de-

1 prioritize or remove internet search results revealing per-
2 sonally identifiable information.

3 (b) **REQUIRED POLICY.**—Prior to paying for or reim-
4 bursing services pursuant to subsection (a), the Depart-
5 ment shall establish a policy that—

6 (1) outlines the requirements for qualifying for
7 the payment of or reimbursement of services;

8 (2) identifies the office responsible for vetting
9 requests for paying for or reimbursing of services;
10 and

11 (3) mandates expeditious consideration of such
12 requests.

13 **TITLE LXXII—ORGANIZATION** 14 **AND OPERATIONS**

15 **SEC. 7201. STATE-OF-THE-ART BUILDING FACILITIES.**

16 The Secretary should use existing waiver authorities
17 to expedite upgrades and critical maintenance for the
18 Harry S. Truman Federal Building, with the goal of hav-
19 ing at least 85 percent of construction and upgrades com-
20 pleted by December 31, 2027.

21 **SEC. 7202. PRESENCE OF CHIEFS OF MISSION AT DIPLO-** 22 **MATIC POSTS.**

23 (a) **REQUIREMENT FOR ARRIVAL AT DIPLOMATIC**
24 **POST WITHIN 60 DAYS.**—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall require
2 that to be eligible for payment of travel expenses for
3 initial arrival at the assigned post, a chief of mission
4 must arrive at the post not later than 60 days after
5 the date on which the chief of mission was confirmed
6 by the Senate.

7 (2) EXCEPTIONS.—The restriction under para-
8 graph (1) shall not apply to a chief of mission who
9 arrives later than 60 days after confirmation by the
10 Senate if the delay was caused by one or more of the
11 following:

12 (A) A flight delay that was outside of the
13 control of the chief of mission or the Depart-
14 ment.

15 (B) A natural disaster, global health emer-
16 gency, or other naturally occurring event that
17 prevented the chief of mission from entering the
18 country of the assigned post.

19 (C) Delay or refusal by the government of
20 the host country to accept diplomatic accredita-
21 tion.

22 (D) Family or medical emergency.

23 (E) Extenuating circumstances beyond the
24 control of the chief of mission.

1 the Department of State shall conduct management re-
2 views of chiefs of mission, charge d'affaires, and other
3 principal officers assigned overseas during inspection vis-
4 its, when those officers have been at post more than 180
5 days.

6 (b) DISPOSITION.—If there are serious management
7 concerns raised and substantiated, a copy of the manage-
8 ment review document shall be provided to the rating offi-
9 cer for formal discussion as part of the performance eval-
10 uation process. The management review shall remain in
11 the employee's personnel file unless otherwise required by
12 law. The subject of a review conducted pursuant to sub-
13 section (a) shall have the opportunity to respond to and
14 comment on the review, and the response shall be included
15 in the employee's file for promotion panel review.

16 (c) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT IN CASE OF SERI-
17 OUS MANAGEMENT CONCERNS.—The Inspector General
18 of the Department of State shall notify the Secretary, the
19 Deputy Secretary, and the appropriate congressional com-
20 mittees within 30 days of any review in which a preponder-
21 ance of evidence shows that a chief of mission, charge d'af-
22 faires, or other principal officer did not meet Department
23 guidelines, and such behavior negatively impacted the abil-
24 ity to conduct operations at the mission, and which infor-

1 mation is not otherwise submitted as part of the periodic
2 inspection or report.

3 **SEC. 7204. SPECIAL ENVOY FOR SUDAN.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The President shall, with the
5 advice and consent of the Senate, appoint a Special Envoy
6 for Sudan at the Department (in this section referred to
7 as the “Special Envoy”). The Special Envoy shall report
8 directly to the Secretary and should not hold another posi-
9 tion in the Department while holding the position of Spe-
10 cial Envoy.

11 (b) DUTIES.—The Special Envoy shall—

12 (1) lead United States diplomatic efforts to
13 support negotiations and humanitarian response ef-
14 forts related to alleviating the crisis in Sudan;

15 (2) be responsible for coordinating policy devel-
16 opment and execution related to ending the conflict
17 and a future path to national recovery and demo-
18 cratic transition in Sudan across all bureaus in the
19 Department and coordinating with interagency part-
20 ners; and

21 (3) consult regularly with the appropriate con-
22 gressional committees and keep such committees
23 fully and currently informed on the status of diplo-
24 matic efforts and negotiations.

25 (c) STAFFING.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall ensure
2 that the Special Envoy is staffed with personnel ap-
3 proved by the envoy, including through reassignment
4 of positions responsible for issues related to Sudan
5 that currently exist within the Department, encour-
6 aging details or assignment of employees of the De-
7 partment from regional and functional bureaus with
8 expertise relevant to Sudan, or through request for
9 interagency details of individuals with relevant expe-
10 rience from other United States Government depart-
11 ments or agencies, including the Department of
12 Treasury.

13 (2) BRIEFING REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than
14 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
15 the Department should brief the appropriate con-
16 gressional committees on the number of full-time
17 equivalent positions supporting the Special Envoy
18 and the relevant expertise and duties of any employ-
19 ees of the Department serving as detailees.

20 (d) SUNSET.—The position of the Special Envoy for
21 Sudan shall terminate on the date that is 2 years after
22 the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 7205. SPECIAL ENVOY FOR BELARUS.**

2 Section 6406(d) of the Department of State Author-
3 ization Act of 2023 (division F of Public Law 118–31;
4 22 U.S.C. 5811 note) is amended to read as follows:

5 “(d) **ROLE.**—The position of Special Envoy—

6 “(1) shall only exist while United States diplo-
7 matic operations in Belarus at the United States
8 Embassy in Minsk, Belarus are suspended; and

9 “(2) shall oversee the operations and personnel
10 of the Belarus Affairs Unit.”.

11 **SEC. 7206. NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN DIPLOMACY.**

12 Title I of the State Department Basic Authorities Act
13 of 1956 is amended by adding after section 64 (22 U.S.C.
14 2735a) the following:

15 **“SEC. 65. NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN DIPLOMACY.**

16 “(a) **ACTIVITIES.**—

17 “(1) **SUPPORT AUTHORIZED.**—The Secretary is
18 authorized to provide, by contract, grant, or other-
19 wise, for the performance of appropriate museum
20 visitor and educational outreach services and related
21 events, including—

22 “(A) organizing programs and conference
23 activities;

24 “(B) creating, designing, and installing ex-
25 hibits; and

1 “(C) conducting museum shop services and
2 food services in the public exhibition and re-
3 lated physical and virtual space utilized by the
4 National Museum of American Diplomacy.

5 “(2) RECOVERY OF COSTS.—The Secretary of
6 State is authorized to retain the proceeds obtained
7 from customary and appropriate fees charged for the
8 use of facilities, including venue rental for events
9 consistent with the activities described in subsection
10 (a)(1) and museum shop services and food services
11 at the National Museum of American Diplomacy.
12 Such proceeds shall be retained as a recovery of the
13 costs of operating the Museum, credited to a des-
14 ignated Department account that exists for the pur-
15 pose of funding the Museum and its programs and
16 activities, and shall remain available until expended.

17 “(b) DISPOSITION OF DOCUMENTS, ARTIFACTS, AND
18 OTHER ARTICLES.—

19 “(1) PROPERTY.—All historic documents, arti-
20 facts, or other articles acquired by the Department
21 of State for the permanent museum collection and
22 determined by the Secretary of State to be suitable
23 for display by the National Museum of American Di-
24 plomacy shall be considered to be the property of the

1 United States Government and shall be subject to
2 disposition solely in accordance with this subsection.

3 “(2) SALE, TRADE, OR TRANSFER.—Whenever
4 the Secretary of State makes a determination de-
5 scribed in paragraph (3) with respect to a document,
6 artifact, or other article described in paragraph (1),
7 taking into account considerations such as the Muse-
8 um’s collections management policy and best profes-
9 sional museum practice, the Secretary may sell at
10 fair market value, trade, or transfer such document,
11 artifact, or other article without regard to the re-
12 quirements of subtitle I of title 40, United States
13 Code. The proceeds of any such sale may be used
14 solely for the advancement of the activities described
15 in subsection (a)(1) of the National Museum of
16 American Diplomacy and may not be used for any
17 purpose other than the acquisition and direct care of
18 the collections of the Museum.

19 “(3) DETERMINATIONS PRIOR TO SALE, TRADE,
20 OR TRANSFER.—The determination described in this
21 paragraph with respect to a document, artifact, or
22 other article described in paragraph (1) is a deter-
23 mination that—

24 “(A) the document, artifact, or other arti-
25 cle no longer serves to further the mission of

1 the National Museum of American Diplomacy
2 as set forth in the collections management pol-
3 icy of the Museum;

4 “(B) the sale at a fair market price based
5 on an independent appraisal or trade or trans-
6 fer of the document, artifact, or other article
7 would serve to maintain or enhance the Mu-
8 seum collection; and

9 “(C) the sale, trade, or transfer of the doc-
10 ument, artifact, or other article would be in the
11 best interests of the United States.

12 “(4) LOANS.—In addition to the authorization
13 under paragraph (2) relating to the sale, trade, or
14 transfer of documents, artifacts, or other articles de-
15 scribed in paragraph (1), the Secretary of State
16 may—

17 “(A) loan the documents, artifacts, or
18 other articles to other institutions, both foreign
19 and domestic, for repair, study, or exhibition
20 when not needed for use or display by the Na-
21 tional Museum of American Diplomacy; and

22 “(B) borrow documents, artifacts, or other
23 articles from other institutions or individuals,
24 both foreign and domestic, for activities con-
25 sistent with subsection (a)(1).”.

1 **SEC. 7207. OVERSEAS BUILDINGS DUE DILIGENCE.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall take such
3 steps as may be necessary to avoid or minimize purchasing
4 or leasing for 180 days or longer a covered building to
5 be used by United States Government personnel carrying
6 out their official duties—

7 (1) in which a covered entity is known through
8 reasonable due diligence to have performed covered
9 construction;

10 (2) in which due diligence has indicated a cov-
11 ered entity has an ownership interest; or

12 (3) where a covered entity is expected to per-
13 form covered construction.

14 (b) NOTIFICATION.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—If, after the date of the en-
16 actment of this Act, the Secretary determines it is
17 in the national security interest of the United States
18 to acquire or lease a covered building, or enter into
19 or renew a contract with a covered entity to perform
20 covered construction with a covered building, then
21 the Secretary shall notify the appropriate congres-
22 sional committees and the Committee on Appropria-
23 tions of the Senate and the Committee on Appro-
24 priations of the House of Representatives—

25 (A) not later than 7 days before entering
26 into an acquisition, lease, or agreement with a

1 covered building or covered entity doing covered
2 construction; and

3 (B) not later than 21 days after becoming
4 aware of an existing lease or agreement occur-
5 ring with a covered building or covered entity
6 doing covered construction.

7 (2) DETERMINATION OF NATIONAL SECURITY
8 INTEREST.—The notification required under para-
9 graph (1) shall also include, to the extent applica-
10 ble—

11 (A) a determination of whether the incon-
12 sistent acquisition, lease, or agreement is in the
13 national security interest of the United States;

14 (B) an identification of the interest ad-
15 vanced by such inconsistent action;

16 (C) a detailed explanation for such deter-
17 mination; and

18 (D) any action the Secretary has taken or
19 intends to take to mitigate national security
20 vulnerabilities that may be posed by such incon-
21 sistent action.

22 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) COVERED BUILDING.—The term “covered
24 building” means a building that is used or intended
25 to be used by personnel of a consular or diplomatic

1 post located outside of the United States for car-
2 rying out their official duties.

3 (2) COVERED CONSTRUCTION.—The term “cov-
4 ered construction”—

5 (A) means any construction, development,
6 conversion, extension, alteration, repair, or
7 maintenance performed with respect to a build-
8 ing; and

9 (B) includes the installation or mainte-
10 nance of electrical, plumbing, heating, ventila-
11 tion, air conditioning, communication, fire pro-
12 tection, and energy management systems with
13 respect to such building.

14 (3) COVERED ENTITY.—The term “covered en-
15 tity” means an entity with respect to which the Gov-
16 ernment of the People’s Republic of China, the Gov-
17 ernment of the Russian Federation, or an agent or
18 instrumentality of the Government of the People’s
19 Republic of China or the Government of the Russian
20 Federation, directly or indirectly, including through
21 any contract, arrangement, understanding, or rela-
22 tionship—

23 (A) owns or controls a significant percent
24 of the ownership interest; or

25 (B) otherwise exercises substantial control.

1 **SEC. 7208. RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF FUNDS FOR**
2 **SOLAR PANELS.**

3 The Department may not use Federal funds to pro-
4 cure any solar energy products that were manufactured
5 in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of the Peo-
6 ple's Republic of China or other regions in the country,
7 which are known to be produced with forced labor.

8 **SEC. 7209. RESPONSIVENESS TO CONGRESSIONAL RE-**
9 **SEARCH SERVICE INQUIRIES AND CONGRES-**
10 **SIONAL BUDGET OFFICE INQUIRIES.**

11 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congressional Research Service
12 and the Congressional Budget Office are charged with
13 rendering effective and efficient service to Congress and
14 responding expeditiously, effectively, and efficiently to the
15 needs of Congress.

16 (b) RESPONSES.—The Secretary and Administrator
17 shall ensure that for any inquiry or request from the Con-
18 gressional Research Service or the Congressional Budget
19 Office—

20 (1) an initial substantive response to the re-
21 quest is sent within 14 days of receipt of the in-
22 quiry;

23 (2) a complete answer responsive to the request
24 is sent within 90 days of receipt of the inquiry, to-
25 gether with an explanation as to why the request
26 was delayed; and

1 (3) Congressional Research Service and Con-
2 gressional Budget Office staff shall be treated as
3 congressional staff for any briefings or informal dis-
4 cussions.

5 (c) REQUIREMENT TO DISCLOSE UNCLASSIFIED IN-
6 FORMATION.—The Secretary and the Administrator shall
7 not refuse to provide information to the Congressional Re-
8 search Service or the Congressional Budget Office on the
9 basis that the Secretary or the Administrator deems such
10 information to be sensitive but unclassified.

11 **SEC. 7210. EXPEDITED OPENING OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS.**

12 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
13 ings:

14 (1) Increasing the United States' global diplo-
15 matic footprint is imperative to advance United
16 States' national security interests, particularly in the
17 face of a massive diplomatic expansion of our stra-
18 tegic competitors.

19 (2) Opening or re-opening diplomatic missions,
20 often in small island nations where there is no
21 United States Government presence, but one is
22 needed to advance United States strategic objectives.

23 (3) Diplomatic missions should be resourced
24 and equipped for success upon opening to allow dip-

1 diplomats to focus on advancing United States national
2 interests in-country.

3 (4) The United States can and should move
4 more swiftly to open new diplomatic missions and
5 provide United States diplomats and locally em-
6 ployed staff with a workplace that meets locally ap-
7 propriate quality, safety, and security standards.

8 (5) To do this, the Department must streamline
9 and support the process of opening new posts to
10 identify efficiencies and remove obstacles that are
11 unduly complicating the opening of new diplomatic
12 missions, particularly in small island states and
13 similarly situated locations.

14 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days
16 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
17 retary shall submit to the appropriate congressional
18 committees and the Committee on Appropriations of
19 the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations of
20 the House of Representatives a report on how the
21 Department is creating a new framework to provide
22 such diplomatic missions the needed resources and
23 authorities to quickly and efficiently stand up and
24 operate from the moment United States personnel

1 arrive, or even before the opening of a new mission,
2 particularly in small island nations.

3 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under
4 paragraph (1) shall include—

5 (A) a list of authorities and processes re-
6 lated to the opening of new diplomatic missions;

7 (B) a list of authorities and processes re-
8 lated to the opening of new diplomatic missions
9 that the Department can waive to expediently
10 stand up new diplomatic missions;

11 (C) essential functions that each new diplo-
12 matic mission should be able to carry out inde-
13 pendently upon opening;

14 (D) a description of functions that another
15 post or support center will need to carry out to
16 support the new mission;

17 (E) a list of essential equipment and ac-
18 cess to facilities, including to support secure
19 communications, that should be provided to
20 each new diplomatic mission, the approval of
21 which should be handled prior to or shortly
22 after the opening of the new diplomatic mission,
23 including arrangements for basic office equip-
24 ment, vehicles, and housing;

1 (F) the number of recommended locally en-
2 gaged staff and United States direct hires resi-
3 dent in-country;

4 (G) the number of non-resident support
5 staff who are assigned to the new diplomatic
6 mission, such as from another post or regional
7 support center;

8 (H) a description of how medical and con-
9 sular support services could be provided;

10 (I) procedures for requesting an expansion
11 or renovation of the post's functions or physical
12 platform after opening, should that be needed;

13 (J) any other authorities or processes that
14 may be required to successfully and quickly
15 stand up a new diplomatic mission, including
16 any new authorities the Department may need;

17 (K) a list of incentives, in addition to pay
18 differentials, being considered for such posts;

19 (L) a description of any specialized train-
20 ing, including for management and security
21 personnel supporting the establishment of such
22 new embassies that may be required; and

23 (M) a list of what steps the Department is
24 taking to expedite embassy construction in
25 Dublin, Ireland, consulate build-out in Nuuk,

1 Greenland, and embassy renovations in Buenos
2 Aires, Argentina, and projected new posts in
3 the Caribbean and Pacific Islands.

4 (c) SENIOR OFFICIAL TO LEAD NEW EMBASSY EX-
5 PANSION.—

6 (1) DESIGNATION.—The Secretary shall des-
7 ignate an assistant secretary-level senior official to
8 expedite and make recommendations for the reform
9 of procedures for opening new diplomatic missions
10 abroad, particularly in small island states.

11 (2) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The senior official des-
12 igned pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be respon-
13 sible for proposing policy and procedural changes to
14 the Secretary to—

15 (A) expediting the resourcing of new diplo-
16 matic missions by waiving or reducing when
17 possible mandatory processes required to open
18 new diplomatic missions, taking into account
19 the threat environment and circumstances in
20 the host country;

21 (B) when necessary, quickly adjudicating
22 within the Department any decision points that
23 arise during the planning and execution phases
24 of the establishment of a new mission;

1 (C) ensuring new missions receive the
2 management and operational support needed,
3 including by designating such support be under-
4 taken by another post, regional support center,
5 or Department entities based in the United
6 States; and

7 (D) ensuring that the authorities provided
8 in the Secure Embassy Construction and
9 Counterterrorism Act of 1999 (title VI of divi-
10 sion A of appendix G of Public Law 106–113),
11 as amended by the Secure Embassy Construc-
12 tion and Counterterrorism Act of 2022 (section
13 9301 of Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat. 3879),
14 are fully utilized in the planning for all new
15 diplomatic missions.

16 (d) NEW DIPLOMATIC MISSION DEFINED.—In this
17 section, the term “new diplomatic mission” means any bi-
18 lateral diplomatic mission opened since January 1, 2020,
19 in a country where there had not been a bilateral diplo-
20 matic mission since the date that is 20 years before the
21 date of the enactment of this Act.

22 (e) SUNSET.—The authorities and requirements of
23 this section shall terminate 5 years after the date of the
24 enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 7211. REPORT ON UNITED STATES CONSULATE IN**
2 **CHENGDU, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.**

3 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
4 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the appro-
5 priate congressional committees a report on the effect of
6 the suspension of operations at of the United States Con-
7 sulate General in Chengdu, People's Republic of China,
8 on July 27, 2020, on diplomatic and consular activities
9 of the United States in Southwestern China, including the
10 provision of consular services to United States citizens,
11 and on relations with the people of Southwestern China,
12 including in areas designated by the Government of the
13 People's Republic of China as autonomous.

14 **SEC. 7212. PERSONNEL REPORTING.**

15 Not later than 60 days after the date of the enact-
16 ment of this Act, and at least every 120 days thereafter
17 for 5 years, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate
18 congressional committees a report—

19 (1) describing the on-board personnel levels,
20 hiring, and attrition of the Civil Service, Foreign
21 Service, eligible family members, locally employed
22 staff, and contractor workforce of the Department,
23 on an operating unit-by-operating unit basis; and

24 (2) including a status update on progress to-
25 ward fiscal year hiring plans for Foreign Service and
26 Civil Service.

1 **SEC. 7213. SUPPORT CO-LOCATION WITH ALLIED PARTNER**
2 **NATIONS.**

3 The Secretary, following consultation which occurs a
4 reasonable time in advance of the exercise of the authority
5 and includes details on costs and purposes with the appro-
6 priate congressional committees, the Committee on Appro-
7 priations of the Senate, and the Committee on Appropria-
8 tions of the House of Representatives may alter, repair,
9 and furnish United States Government-owned and leased
10 space for use by the government of a foreign country to
11 facilitate co-location of such government in such space, on
12 such terms and conditions as the Secretary may deter-
13 mine, including with respect to reimbursement of all or
14 part of the costs of such alteration, repair, or furnishing.
15 Reimbursements or advances of funds pursuant to this
16 section may be credited to the currently applicable appro-
17 priation and shall be available for the purposes for which
18 such appropriation is authorized.

19 **SEC. 7214. STREAMLINE QUALIFICATION OF CONSTRUC-**
20 **TION CONTRACT BIDDERS.**

21 Section 402 of the Omnibus Diplomatic Security and
22 Antiterrorism Act of 1986 (22 U.S.C. 4852) is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (a)—

24 (A) by inserting “be awarded” after “joint
25 venture persons may”;

1 (B) by striking “bid on” both places it ap-
2 pears; and

3 (C) in paragraph (1), by striking
4 “\$10,000,000” and inserting “\$25,000,000”;
5 and

6 (2) in subsection (c)—

7 (A) in paragraph 1, by striking “two” and
8 inserting “three”; and

9 (B) in paragraph (2)—

10 (i) in subparagraph (D), by striking
11 “at a United States diplomatic or consular
12 establishment abroad” and inserting “on a
13 Federal contract abroad”;

14 (ii) by striking subparagraphs (E) and
15 (G);

16 (iii) by redesignating subparagraph
17 (F) as subparagraph (E); and

18 (iv) in subparagraph (E), as redesign-
19 nated by clause (iii), by striking “80” both
20 places it appears and inserting “65”.

21 **SEC. 7215. CONTINUATION OF REST AND RECUPERATION**
22 **AND OVERSEAS OPERATIONS LEAVE.**

23 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 9 of the Foreign Service
24 Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4081 et seq.) is amended by in-

1 serting after section 903 (22 U.S.C. 4083) the following
2 new sections:

3 **“SEC. 903a. REST AND RECUPERATION LEAVE.**

4 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

5 “(1) the term ‘agency’ means an Executive
6 agency (as that term is defined in section 105 of
7 title 5, United States Code), but does not include
8 the Government Accountability Office;

9 “(2) the term ‘combat zone’ means a geo-
10 graphic area designated by an Executive order of the
11 President as an area in which the Armed Forces are
12 engaging or have engaged in combat, an area des-
13 igned by law to be treated as a combat zone, or
14 a location the Department of Defense has certified
15 for combat zone tax benefits due to its direct sup-
16 port of military operations;

17 “(3) the term ‘employee’ means an officer or an
18 individual who is—

19 “(A) appointed in the civil service, the
20 Foreign Service, or any appointment authority
21 other than the uniformed services (as that term
22 is defined in section 101 of title 37, United
23 States Code), by one of the following acting in
24 an official capacity:

25 “(i) The President.

1 “(ii) A Member or Members of Con-
2 gress, or Congress.

3 “(iii) An individual who is an em-
4 ployee under this section.

5 “(iv) The head of a Government-con-
6 trolled corporation;

7 “(B) engaged in the performance of a Fed-
8 eral function under authority of law or an Exec-
9 utive act; and

10 “(C) subject to the supervision of an indi-
11 vidual described in subparagraph (A) while en-
12 gaged in the performance of the duties of his or
13 her position;

14 “(4) the term ‘high risk, high threat post’ has
15 the meaning given that term in section 104 of the
16 Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act
17 of 1986 (22 U.S.C. 4803); and

18 “(5) the term ‘leave year’ means the period be-
19 ginning on the first day of the first complete pay pe-
20 riod in a calendar year and ending on the day imme-
21 diately before the first day of the first complete pay
22 period in the following calendar year.

23 “(b) LEAVE FOR REST AND RECUPERATION.—The
24 Secretary or other head of an agency may prescribe regu-
25 lations to grant up to 20 days of paid leave, per leave

1 year, for the purposes of rest and recuperation to an em-
2 ployee of the agency serving in a combat zone, any other
3 high risk, high threat post, or any other location pre-
4 senting significant security or operational challenges.

5 “(c) DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY OF THE SEC-
6 RETARY OR OTHER AGENCY HEAD.—Use of the authority
7 under subsection (b) is at the sole and exclusive discretion
8 of the head of the agency concerned.

9 “(d) RECORDS.—An agency shall record leave pro-
10 vided under this section separately from leave authorized
11 under any other provision of law.

12 **“SEC. 903b. OVERSEAS OPERATIONS LEAVE.**

13 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

14 “(1) the term ‘agency’ means an Executive
15 agency (as that term is defined in section 105 of
16 title 5, United States Code), but does not include
17 the Government Accountability Office.

18 “(2) the term ‘employee’ means an officer or an
19 individual who is—

20 “(A) appointed in the civil service, the
21 Foreign Service, or any appointment authority
22 other than the uniformed services (as that term
23 is defined in section 101 of title 37, United
24 States Code), by one of the following acting in
25 an official capacity:

1 “(i) The President.

2 “(ii) A Member or Members of Con-
3 gress, or Congress.

4 “(iii) An individual who is an em-
5 ployee under this section.

6 “(iv) The head of a Government-con-
7 trolled corporation;

8 “(B) engaged in the performance of a Fed-
9 eral function under authority of law or an Exec-
10 utive act; and

11 “(C) subject to the supervision of an indi-
12 vidual described in subparagraph (A) while en-
13 gaged in the performance of the duties of his or
14 her position; and

15 “(3) the term ‘leave year’ means the period be-
16 ginning with the first day of the first complete pay
17 period in a calendar year and ending with the day
18 immediately before the first day of the first complete
19 pay period in the following calendar year.

20 “(b) LEAVE FOR OVERSEAS OPERATIONS.—The Sec-
21 retary or other head of an agency may prescribe regula-
22 tions to grant up to 10 days of paid leave, per leave year,
23 to an employee of the agency serving abroad for the pur-
24 pose of local holidays.

1 and will carry out relevant activities to include the
2 following:

3 (A) Coordinate the Department's response
4 to and management of international crises.

5 (B) Coordinate with regional and other rel-
6 evant Department bureaus and USAID on such
7 crises and other matters relevant to crisis man-
8 agement and response.

9 (C) Facilitate information necessary for
10 the execution of after-action reviews after inter-
11 national crises.

12 (D) Maintain close liaison with the appro-
13 priate congressional committees regarding the
14 Department's response to and management of
15 international crises.

16 (E) Undertake other duties, as determined
17 by the Secretary in consultation with the Ad-
18 ministrator, relevant to crisis management and
19 response.

20 (3) REPORTING.—The Senior Focal Point for
21 Crisis Management and Response shall report di-
22 rectly to the Secretary in the execution of the duties
23 described under paragraph (2).

24 (b) TABLETOP EXERCISES AND SIMULATIONS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and not
3 less frequently than annually thereafter for 3 years,
4 the Secretary shall direct the relevant offices of the
5 Department to ensure a tabletop exercise or simula-
6 tion on international crises is conducted by the De-
7 partment. The tabletop exercise or simulation should
8 be conducted in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan
9 area.

10 (2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The Sec-
11 retary shall ensure that such exercises or simula-
12 tions address the Department’s crisis response and
13 evacuation requirements, and should include—

14 (A) the necessary and appropriate informa-
15 tion to outline the crisis management roles and
16 responsibilities of the Department’s senior lead-
17 ership;

18 (B) established Department crisis manage-
19 ment structures for international crises;

20 (C) required processes, personnel, and re-
21 sources for operational drawdown and evacu-
22 ation operations in international crises; and

23 (D) all procedures relevant to the identi-
24 fication of, coordination with, and the provision
25 of assistance to—

- 1 (i) private United States citizens;
- 2 (ii) United States Government em-
- 3 ployees and their dependents;
- 4 (iii) United States allies and partners;
- 5 (iv) local nationals who have assisted
- 6 United States Government efforts; and
- 7 (v) third-country nationals.

8 (3) LEADERSHIP; PARTICIPATION.—The Sec-

9 retary shall ensure that—

10 (A) the Department’s Senior Focal Point

11 on Crisis Management and Response, the Oper-

12 ation Center’s Crisis Management and Strategy

13 team, the Foreign Service Institute’s Leader-

14 ship and Management School’s Crisis Manage-

15 ment Training division, or other Department

16 operating units, as determined to be appro-

17 priate by the Secretary, lead such exercises or

18 simulations; and

19 (B) such exercises or simulations include

20 the participation of the Department’s relevant

21 senior leadership and staff, including leadership

22 and staff from regional and relevant functional

23 bureaus.

24 (4) CONSULTATION.—Such exercises or simula-

25 tions may be conducted in consultation with—

- 1 (A) the Department of Defense;
2 (B) other Federal agencies; and
3 (C) State and local government entities.

4 (5) PARTICIPATION.—The Secretary may, as
5 consistent with the national security interests of the
6 United States, invite to participate in such exercises
7 or simulations—

- 8 (A) foreign allies and partners; and
9 (B) civil society and nongovernmental or-
10 ganizations, including those that have directly
11 engaged in crisis response efforts in the past.

12 (6) BRIEFING.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
14 subparagraph (C), not later than 90 days after
15 the completion of any tabletop exercise or sim-
16 ulation required under paragraph (1), the De-
17 partment shall brief the appropriate congres-
18 sional committees, the Committee on Armed
19 Services of the Senate, and the Committee on
20 Armed Services of the House of Representatives
21 on the organization of the tabletop exercise or
22 simulation. The briefing, or particular elements
23 therein, may be provided in a classified format.

24 (B) ELEMENTS.—The briefing required
25 under subparagraph (A) should—

1 (i) provide a description of the table-
2 top exercise or simulation;

3 (ii) identify, as appropriate, key par-
4 ticipants in the tabletop exercise or simula-
5 tion;

6 (iii) include any deficiencies identified
7 in prior tabletop exercise and plans to miti-
8 gate such deficiencies;

9 (iv) provide a summary of the sup-
10 porting capabilities, including infrastruc-
11 ture, prepositioned equipment and sup-
12 plies, personnel and other supporting logis-
13 tics capabilities, required to respond to the
14 simulated international crisis; and

15 (v) include such other information as
16 determined necessary or appropriate by the
17 Secretary.

18 (C) NOTIFICATION IN LIEU OF BRIEF-
19 ING.—Beginning on the date that is 3 years
20 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
21 Secretary shall, not later than 90 days after the
22 completion of any tabletop exercise or simula-
23 tion required under paragraph (1), submit to
24 the appropriate congressional committees a no-
25 tice of such exercise or simulation which shall

1 be in lieu of a briefing reviewing the tabletop
2 exercise or simulation required under subpara-
3 graph (A).

4 (c) FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE TRAINING.—The
5 Secretary shall ensure existing crisis management cur-
6 ricula and courses offerings are reviewed for accuracy and
7 tailored to relevant audiences. In addition, the Foreign
8 Service Institute should ensure that the ambassadorial
9 seminar and Deputy Chief of Mission course include cur-
10 rriculum on crisis management, including one or more of
11 the following:

12 (1) The use of regular internal town halls and
13 targeted messages from the Ambassador or Deputy
14 Chief of Mission to support mission objectives dur-
15 ing crisis periods.

16 (2) Established best practices for internal com-
17 munications specific to high-threat posts.

18 (3) Diplomatic post-led drawdown and evacu-
19 ation operations, military assisted departures, and
20 noncombatant evacuation operations.

21 (4) Best practices for leading post efforts to
22 communicate with and assist United States citizens.

23 (5) How to conduct or participate in the De-
24 partment's domestic-led tabletop exercises and sim-

1 ulations, including those authorized in subsection
2 (b).

3 (6) Communicating with and assessing the
4 needs of locally employed staff during emergencies.

5 (d) DEPARTMENT OF STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE
6 LESSONS LEARNED CLEARINGHOUSE.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
9 retary shall establish and maintain a clearinghouse
10 of lessons learned and after-action reports relating
11 to international crises, including evacuation oper-
12 ations of United States Government employees and
13 their eligible family members or evacuation of pri-
14 vate United States citizens or third-country nation-
15 als, to be known as the “Department of State Emer-
16 gency Response Lessons Learned Clearinghouse” (in
17 this section referred to as the “Clearinghouse”).

18 (2) REPOSITORY.—The Clearinghouse should be
19 designed to provide—

20 (A) a central electronic repository of les-
21 sons learned and after-action reports to be
22 made accessible to Department personnel to be
23 used to improve crisis response and contingency
24 planning;

1 (B) resources to inform and develop crisis
2 response and contingency planning, including
3 for the ambassadorial seminar and Deputy
4 Chief of Mission course as provided in sub-
5 section (e); and

6 (C) publicly available documents and infor-
7 mation, as appropriate, for civil society, non-
8 governmental organizations, academic institu-
9 tions, and other stakeholders to assist with the
10 Department’s development of best practices.

11 (e) INTERNATIONAL CRISIS DEFINED.—In this sec-
12 tion , the term “international crisis” means any situation
13 overseas which requires the Department to change the op-
14 erating status of United States diplomatic facilities, in-
15 cluding a diplomatic post-led or military-assisted depart-
16 ture, ordered departure, or a noncombatant evacuation op-
17 eration.

18 **TITLE LXXIII—INFORMATION SE-**
19 **CURITY AND CYBER DIPLO-**
20 **MACY**

21 **SEC. 7301. REALIGNING THE REGIONAL TECHNOLOGY OF-**
22 **FICER PROGRAM.**

23 Section 9508(a)(1) of the Department of State Au-
24 thorizations Act of 2022 (division I of Public Law 117–
25 263; 22 U.S.C. 10305(a)(1)) is amended by inserting “,

1 and shall be administered by the Bureau for Cyberspace
2 and Digital Policy” before the period at the end.

3 **SEC. 7302. MEASURES TO PROTECT DEPARTMENT DEVICES**
4 **FROM THE PROLIFERATION AND USE OF**
5 **FOREIGN COMMERCIAL SPYWARE.**

6 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
8 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
9 gress” means—

10 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations,
11 the Select Committee on Intelligence, the Com-
12 mittee on Homeland Security and Govern-
13 mental Affairs, and the Committee on Armed
14 Services of the Senate; and

15 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
16 Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,
17 the Committee on Homeland Security, and the
18 Committee on Armed Services of the House of
19 Representatives.

20 (2) COVERED DEVICE.—The term “covered de-
21 vice” means any electronic mobile device, including
22 smartphones, tablet computing devices, or laptop
23 computing device, that is issued by the Department
24 for official use.

1 (3) FOREIGN COMMERCIAL SPYWARE;
2 SPYWARE.—The terms “foreign commercial
3 spyware” and “spyware” have the meanings given
4 those terms in section 1102A of the National Security
5 Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3232a).

6 (b) PROTECTION OF COVERED DEVICES.—

7 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 120 days
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall, in consultation with the relevant agencies—
9 retary shall, in consultation with the relevant agencies—
10 cies—

11 (A) issue standards, guidance, best practices, and policies for Department and USAID
12 personnel to protect covered devices from being
13 compromised by foreign commercial spyware;
14 compromised by foreign commercial spyware;

15 (B) survey the processes used by the Department and USAID to identify and catalog
16 instances where a covered device was compromised by foreign commercial spyware over
17 the prior 2 years and it is reasonably expected
18 to have resulted in an unauthorized disclosure
19 of sensitive information; and
20 of sensitive information; and
21 of sensitive information; and

22 (C) submit to the appropriate committees
23 of Congress a report on the measures in place
24 to identify and catalog instances of such compromises for covered devices by foreign commer-
25 promises for covered devices by foreign commer-

1 cial spyware, which may be submitted in classi-
2 fied form.

3 (2) NOTIFICATIONS.—Not later than 60 days
4 after the date on which the Department becomes
5 aware that a covered device was seriously com-
6 promised by foreign commercial spyware, the Sec-
7 retary, in coordination with relevant agencies, shall
8 notify the appropriate committees of Congress of the
9 facts concerning such targeting or compromise, in-
10 cluding—

11 (A) the location of the personnel whose
12 covered device was compromised;

13 (B) the number of covered devices com-
14 promised;

15 (C) an assessment by the Secretary of the
16 damage to the national security of the United
17 States resulting from any loss of data or sen-
18 sitive information; and

19 (D) an assessment by the Secretary of any
20 foreign government or foreign organization or
21 entity, and, to the extent possible, the foreign
22 individuals, who directed and benefitted from
23 any information acquired from the compromise.

24 (3) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than one year
25 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-

1 nually thereafter for 5 years, the Secretary, in co-
2 ordination with relevant agencies, shall submit to the
3 appropriate committees of Congress, the Committee
4 on the Judiciary of the Senate, and the Committee
5 on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives a
6 report regarding any covered device that was com-
7 promised by foreign commercial spyware, including
8 the information described in subparagraphs (A)
9 through (D) of paragraph (2).

10 **SEC. 7303. REPORT ON CLOUD COMPUTING IN BUREAU OF**
11 **CONSULAR AFFAIRS.**

12 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
13 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the appro-
14 priate congressional committees a report on the status of
15 the Bureau of Consular Affairs adoption of cloud-based
16 products and services as well as options to require enter-
17 prise-wide adoption of cloud computing, including for all
18 consular operations.

19 **SEC. 7304. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROJECTS.**

20 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
21 ment of this Act, the Chief Information Officer of the De-
22 partment should consider, in consultation with the Assist-
23 ant Secretary of the Bureau of Consular Affairs, piloting
24 not fewer than 3 information technology systems and
25 prioritizing information technology systems with high po-

1 tential to accelerate the passport renewal processes, reduce
2 processing times, and reduce dependency on legacy sys-
3 tems.

4 **SEC. 7305. LEVERAGING APPROVED TECHNOLOGY FOR AD-**
5 **MINISTRATIVE EFFICIENCIES.**

6 The Secretary and Administrator shall ensure appro-
7 priate and secure technological solutions are authorized
8 and available for employee use, where feasible, to promote
9 technological fluency in the workforce, including the inte-
10 gration of secure tools in the evaluation process to ensure
11 performance management standards while maximizing ef-
12 ficiency.

13 **TITLE LXXIV—PUBLIC**
14 **DIPLOMACY**

15 **SEC. 7401. UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR GLOBAL MEDIA.**

16 Section 306 of the United States International
17 Broadcasting Act of 1994 (22 U.S.C. 6205) is amended—

18 (1) by redesignating subsections (f) and (g) as
19 subsection (g) and (h), respectively; and

20 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
21 lowing new subsection:

22 “(f) **SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT OF GRANT-**
23 **EES.**—

24 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to paragraphs (2)
25 and (3), a grantee may not be debarred or sus-

1 pended without consultation with the Chief Execu-
2 tive Officer and a three-fourths majority vote of the
3 Advisory Board in support of such action.

4 “(2) SUSPENSION.—

5 “(A) CRITERIA FOR SUSPENSION.—A
6 grantee may not be suspended unless the Advi-
7 sory Board determines that the criteria de-
8 scribed in section 513.405 of title 22, Code of
9 Federal Regulations, have been met.

10 “(B) SUSPENDING OFFICIAL.—The Advi-
11 sory Board shall collectively serve as the sus-
12 pending official (as described in section 513.105
13 of title 22, Code of Federal Regulations).

14 “(3) DEBARMENT.—

15 “(A) CRITERIA FOR DEBARMENT.—A
16 grantee may not be debarred unless the Advi-
17 sory Board determines that one or more of the
18 causes described in section 513.305 of title 22,
19 Code of Federal Regulations, has been estab-
20 lished.

21 “(B) DEBARRING OFFICIAL.—The Advi-
22 sory Board shall collectively serve as the debar-
23 ring official (as described in section 513.105 of
24 title 22, Code of Federal Regulations).”.

1 **SEC. 7402. EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATIONS TO SUPPORT**
2 **UNITED STATES PARTICIPATION IN INTER-**
3 **NATIONAL FAIRS AND EXPOS.**

4 Section 9601 of the Department of State Authoriza-
5 tions Act of 2022 (division I of Public Law 117–263; 136
6 Stat. 3909) is amended in subsection (b), by striking “fis-
7 cal years 2023 and 2024” and inserting “fiscal years
8 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027”.

9 **SEC. 7403. RESEARCH AND SCHOLAR EXCHANGE PARTNER-**
10 **SHIPS.**

11 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
12 gress that—

13 (1) it is in the strategic interest of the United
14 States to strengthen relations with Sub-Saharan Af-
15 rican states to promote shared interests in the areas
16 of—

17 (A) democracy and good governance;

18 (B) education and human capital;

19 (C) trade and economic development;

20 (D) science and technology;

21 (E) biodiversity, food, and agriculture; and

22 (F) the preservation and management of
23 natural resources, including critical minerals;

24 and

1 (2) historically Black colleges and universities
2 (referred to in this section as “HBCUs”) have a
3 long history of—

4 (A) cultivating diaspora relations with
5 Sub-Saharan African states; and

6 (B) developing innovative solutions to some
7 of the world’s most pressing challenges.

8 (b) **STRENGTHENED PARTNERSHIPS.**—The Secretary
9 and the Administrator should seek to strengthen and ex-
10 pand partnerships and educational exchange opportuni-
11 ties, including by working with HBCUs, which build the
12 capacity and expertise of students, scholars, and experts
13 from Sub-Saharan Africa in key development sectors.

14 (c) **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**—The Administrator is
15 authorized to—

16 (1) provide technical assistance to HBCUs to
17 assist in fulfilling the goals of this section, including
18 in developing contracts, operating agreements, legal
19 documents, and related infrastructure; and

20 (2) upon request, provide feedback to HBCUs,
21 to the maximum extent practicable, after a grant re-
22 jection from relevant Federal programs in order to
23 improve future grant applications, as appropriate.

1 **TITLE LXXV—DIPLOMATIC SECUR-**
2 **RITY AND CONSULAR AF-**
3 **FAIRS**

4 **SEC. 7501. HUMAN TRAFFICKING AUTHORITY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized to in-
6 vestigate transnational violations of chapter 77 of title 18,
7 United States Code, in which part of the offense conduct
8 occurred outside the United States or involved one or more
9 foreign nationals.

10 (b) AUTHORITIES.—Section 37(a)(1) of the State De-
11 partment Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C.
12 2709(a)(1)) is amended—

13 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “; or” and
14 inserting a semicolon;

15 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as sub-
16 paragraph (D); and

17 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-
18 lowing new subparagraph:

19 “(C) transnational violations of chapter 77
20 of title 18, United States Code, in which any
21 part of the offense conduct occurred outside the
22 United States or involved one or more foreign
23 nationals; or”.

24 (c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
25 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for

1 3 years, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate
2 committees of Congress a report that includes each of the
3 following:

4 (1) The number of relevant cases opened and
5 investigated by the Diplomatic Security Service as a
6 result of the additional authorities granted by the
7 amendments made by this section.

8 (2) The percentage of the cases opened and in-
9 vestigated by the Diplomatic Security Service as a
10 result of the additional authorities granted by the
11 amendments made by this section that were referred
12 for further action, including prosecution.

13 (3) An assessment of the efficacy of the au-
14 thorities granted by the amendments made by this
15 section and whether such authorities are sufficient
16 to meaningfully contribute to Department and
17 broader United States Government efforts to pros-
18 ecute and prevent, where applicable, human traf-
19 ficking and transnational violations of chapter 77 of
20 title 18, United States Code.

21 (4) An assessment of whether the resources of
22 the Diplomatic Security Service are sufficient to ef-
23 fectively carry out the objectives of this section.

24 (d) SUNSET.—This section and the amendments
25 made by subsection (b) shall terminate on the date that

1 is three years after the date of the enactment of this Act,
2 and the provisions of law amended by such amendments
3 shall be restored as if such amendments had not been en-
4 acted.

5 (e) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
6 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
7 tees of Congress” means—

8 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the
9 Committee on Judiciary, and the Committee on Ap-
10 propriations of the Senate; and

11 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
12 Committee on Judiciary, and the Committee on Ap-
13 propriations of the House of Representatives.

14 **SEC. 7502. CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION FOR SERIOUS**
15 **SECURITY INCIDENTS.**

16 Section 301(a) of the Omnibus Diplomatic Security
17 and Antiterrorism Act of 1986 (22 U.S.C. 4833(a)), is
18 amended—

19 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as
20 paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively;

21 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
22 lowing new paragraph:

23 “(2) INITIAL CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—
24 The Secretary shall notify the Committee on Foreign
25 Relations of the Senate, the Committee on Foreign

1 Affairs of the House of Representatives, the major-
2 ity and minority leaders of the Senate, and the
3 Speaker and minority leader of the House of Rep-
4 resentatives not later than 8 days after a possible
5 Serious Security Incident has been identified by the
6 Department. Such notification shall include a pre-
7 liminary description of the incident, of an incident
8 described in paragraph (1), including any known in-
9 dividuals involved, when and where the incident took
10 place, and the next steps in the investigation.”; and

11 (3) in paragraph (4), as redesignated by para-
12 graph (1) of this section, by striking “paragraph
13 (2)” and inserting “paragraph (3)”.

14 **SEC. 7503. NOTIFICATIONS REGARDING SECURITY DECI-**
15 **SIONS AT DIPLOMATIC POSTS.**

16 Section 103(c) of section 103 of the Omnibus Diplo-
17 matic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986 (22 U.S.C.
18 4802(c)) is amended—

19 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as
20 subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively;

21 (2) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting
22 “(1) The Secretary”; and

23 (3) by adding at the end the following new
24 paragraph:

1 “(2) The Secretary of State shall notify the ap-
2 propriate congressional committees within 10 days
3 of any decision to retain authority over or approve
4 decisions at an overseas post, including the move-
5 ment of personnel.”.

6 **SEC. 7504. SECURITY CLEARANCE SUSPENSION PAY FLEXI-**
7 **BILITIES.**

8 Section 610(c)(6) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980
9 (22 U.S.C. 4010(c)(6)) is amended by striking “para-
10 graph 1(B)” and inserting “this subsection”.

11 **SEC. 7505. MODIFICATION TO NOTIFICATION REQUIRE-**
12 **MENT FOR SECURITY CLEARANCE SUSPEN-**
13 **SIONS AND REVOCATIONS.**

14 Section 6710(a) of the Department of State Author-
15 ization Act of 2023 (division F of Public Law 118–31;
16 22 U.S.C. 2651a note) is amended—

17 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as
18 subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively, and mov-
19 ing such subparagraphs, as so redesignated, 2 ems
20 to the right;

21 (2) by striking “IN GENERAL.—With respect”
22 and inserting the following: “NOTIFICATION.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect”;

24 (3) in subparagraph (B), as redesignated by
25 paragraph (1)—

1 (A) by striking “revocation on” and all
2 that follows through “or revocation” and insert-
3 ing “revocation on—

4 “(A) the present employment status of the
5 covered official and whether the job duties of
6 the covered official have changed since such
7 suspension or revocation;

8 “(B) the basis for such suspension or rev-
9 ocation, including a complete description;

10 “(C) the investigation of the covered offi-
11 cial and the results of such investigation; and

12 “(D) any negative fallout or impacts for
13 the Department of State, the United States
14 Government, or national security of the United
15 States as a result of the actions for which the
16 security clearance was suspended or revoked.”;
17 and

18 (4) by adding at the end the following new
19 paragraph:

20 “(2) SUBMISSION TO INTELLIGENCE COMMIT-
21 TEES.—To the extent the basis for any suspension
22 or revocation of a security clearance is premised on
23 the unauthorized release of intelligence (as defined
24 by section 3(1) of the National Security Act of 1947
25 (50 U.S.C. 3003(1)), the Select Committee on Intel-

1 ligence of the Senate and the Permanent Select
2 Committee on Intelligence of the House of Rep-
3 resentatives shall be an appropriate congressional
4 committee for the purposes of this section.”.

5 **SEC. 7506. PASSPORT AUTOMATION MODERNIZATION.**

6 The Act entitled “An Act to regulate the issue and
7 validity of passports, and for other purposes”, approved
8 July 3, 1926 (44 Stat. 887, 22 U.S.C. 211a), is amend-
9 ed—

10 (1) by inserting “and through the use of De-
11 partment of State electronic systems,” after “the in-
12 sular possessions of the United States,”; and

13 (2) by striking “person” and inserting “entity”.

14 **SEC. 7507. PASSPORT ACCEPTANCE, COURIER SERVICES,**
15 **AND EXPIRATION DATES.**

16 (a) **AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE ADDITIONAL PER-**
17 **SONS TO SERVE AS PASSPORT AGENTS.**—Section 6109(b)
18 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
19 2024 (22 U.S.C. 213a(b)) is amended—

20 (1) by redesignating paragraph (6) as para-
21 graph (7); and

22 (2) by inserting after paragraph (5) the fol-
23 lowing new paragraph:

24 “(6) A United States citizen who, as deter-
25 mined by the Secretary, is employed by and provides

1 services through a reputable, established company or
2 institution and is commissioned or appointed as a
3 notary or notary public or otherwise authorized to
4 perform a notarization under the laws of a State,
5 district, or territorial government.”.

6 (b) IMPROVEMENTS RELATED TO HAND-CARRY COU-
7 RIER SERVICES FOR PASSPORT APPLICATIONS AND PASS-
8 PORTS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall take
10 such steps as may be necessary to—

11 (A) facilitate an increase in the number of
12 companies certified to provide hand-carry cou-
13 rier services;

14 (B) increase the daily maximum number of
15 applications for United States passports, by
16 type, that such companies may submit to a
17 passport agency of the Department (commonly
18 referred to as “meeting slots”) as part of the
19 hand-carry courier services of such company;
20 and

21 (C) facilitate citizens’ awareness of the
22 tools applicants may use to locate companies
23 certified to provide hand-carry courier services,
24 including adding contact information in the
25 form of a weblink, phone number, or physical

1 office address to the online list of registered
2 courier companies.

3 (2) **HAND-CARRY COURIER SERVICE DE-**
4 **FINED.**—In this section, the term “hand-carry cou-
5 rier service” includes—

6 (A) the transport of applications for
7 United States passports to a passport agency of
8 the Department for processing; and

9 (B) the retrieval of newly issued United
10 States passports for delivery, directly or indi-
11 rectly, to the passport holder.

12 (c) **REVISION TO DATE OF EXPIRATION OF UNITED**
13 **STATES PASSPORTS.**—The Secretary may take such ac-
14 tions as may be necessary to provide for the date of expira-
15 tion of each United States passport issued or renewed on
16 or after the date that is 180 days after the date of the
17 enactment of this Act to be the same date as the date
18 of birth of the applicant or holder of the passport.

19 **SEC. 7508. PASSPORT SYSTEM REFORM AND BACKLOG PRE-**
20 **VENTION.**

21 (a) **STANDARDS FOR PASSPORT ISSUANCE PROC-**
22 **ESS.**—In administering and modernizing the passport
23 issuance process, the Secretary shall evaluate the perform-
24 ance of such process against the following criteria:

1 (1) To maintain a service standard of proc-
2 essing a routine new or renewal adult passport appli-
3 cation from document submission until mailing of
4 final documents in an expeditious and reliable time-
5 frame.

6 (2) To maintain low passport fees and sur-
7 charges.

8 (3) To ensure world-class technical, security,
9 and cybersecurity standards for United States pass-
10 ports and the passport issuance process.

11 (4) To minimize typographical, clerical, or pic-
12 ture-based errors.

13 (5) To provide a streamlined customer experi-
14 ence for passport applicants.

15 (6) To provide reasonably convenient passport
16 services to United States citizens and nationals liv-
17 ing a significant distance from a passport agency,
18 particularly residents in a significant population cen-
19 ter more than a 5-hour drive from a passport agen-
20 cy.

21 (b) ENHANCED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SOLU-
22 TIONS TO IMPROVE THE PASSPORT ISSUANCE PROC-
23 ESS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall seek to
25 implement the information technology solutions de-

1 scribed in paragraph (2) in accordance with the
2 timelines described in such paragraph.

3 (2) ENHANCED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SO-
4 LUTIONS AND TIMELINES DESCRIBED.—The en-
5 hanced information technology solutions and
6 timelines described in this paragraph are the fol-
7 lowing:

8 (A) Consistent with the Bureau’s mod-
9 ernization plans and timelines, and subject to
10 the availability of funds, the Secretary shall
11 seek to enter into contracts or agreements as
12 appropriate, for the establishment and mainte-
13 nance of a mobile application to allow for appli-
14 cant communication with the Department, in-
15 cluding document submission, application status
16 tracking, virtual appointments, access to the
17 notification of application errors, and allowing
18 for passport holders to receive messages from
19 the Department and communicate emergencies
20 to the Department.

21 (B) The Secretary may provide each pass-
22 port applicant with the option of whether to use
23 the mobile application described in subpara-
24 graph (A) or another service of the Depart-
25 ment.

1 (C) As a condition for awarding any con-
2 tracts described in subparagraph (A), any
3 awardees shall demonstrate they can begin tests
4 on the solution within one year of the award of
5 the contract and complete implementation, in-
6 cluding bug fixes, cybersecurity audits, and cus-
7 tomer service testing, not later than 2 years
8 after the award of the contract.

9 (D) Consistent with existing law, the Sec-
10 retary shall seek to expand the online passport
11 renewal system, including to accept electronic
12 document submission for first-time adult appli-
13 cations as applicable, in addition to adult re-
14 newal applications, in sufficient volume to be
15 able to accommodate most applications by the
16 date that is 4 years after the date of the enact-
17 ment of this Act.

18 (E) First-time applicants shall continue to
19 verify their applications in-person subject to the
20 requirements of section 1 of title IX of the Act
21 of June 15, 1917 (22 U.S.C. 213).

22 (F) To meet the objectives described in
23 subparagraphs (D) and (E), the Secretary may,
24 to the maximum extent practicable, make use of
25 commercially available technology solutions, in-

1 including entering into contracts or agreements
2 as appropriate for the expansion and mainte-
3 nance of the online passport renewal system to
4 accommodate the functionality described in
5 such subparagraphs.

6 (G) In expanding the online passport re-
7 newal system pursuant to subparagraph (D),
8 the following services should be included or oth-
9 erwise accounted for:

10 (i) A user-friendly internet website or
11 portal to facilitate internet-based submis-
12 sion of passport applications by adults.

13 (ii) To the extent possible, remote
14 document verification tools and infrastruc-
15 ture to allow for a passport transaction to
16 be completed entirely remotely.

17 (iii) To the extent possible, informa-
18 tion technology infrastructure not already
19 maintained by the Department.

20 (H)(i) The Secretary shall take all reason-
21 able steps to implement additional rules-based
22 tools to adjudicate passport renewals while
23 maintaining human passport authorizing offi-
24 cers involved in the adjudication and issuance

1 processes and should strongly consider commer-
2 cially available technology solutions,

3 (ii) The tools described in clause (i) shall
4 be fully operational within 4 years of the date
5 of the enactment of this Act.

6 (iii) The Chief Information Officer shall
7 ensure that the use of the tools do not make
8 passport adjudication more vulnerable to
9 cyberattack.

10 (iv) The Secretary shall ensure that the
11 tools described in clause (i) are implemented
12 consistent with the maintenance of standards
13 appropriate to ensuring the integrity of the
14 United States passport.

15 (I) In carrying out the requirements of this
16 subsection, the Secretary shall consult with the
17 Chief Information Officer of the Bureau of
18 Consular Affairs, or other technical officer of
19 the Department as appropriate, to ensure tech-
20 nical feasibility and specifications, cybersecurity
21 requirements, compatibility with existing De-
22 partment information technology infrastructure,
23 and the feasibility of timelines from a technical
24 standpoint.

1 (J) The Secretary shall ensure the
2 scalability and long-term viability and
3 upgradability of any information technology
4 systems developed or procured pursuant to this
5 subsection.

6 (3) INTERIM ACTION PLAN.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
9 Assistant Secretary, in consultation with the
10 Chief Information Officer, shall submit to the
11 appropriate congressional committees an action
12 plan on how the Bureau plans to complete the
13 modernization described in this subsection in
14 conjunction with other related, ongoing steps to
15 modernize the passport issuance process.

16 (B) ELEMENTS.—The action plan required
17 by subparagraph (A) shall include the following
18 elements:

19 (i) Progress made on implementing
20 the information technology solutions de-
21 scribed in paragraph (2) within specified
22 timelines, and additional steps planned.

23 (ii) The expected cost and timeline for
24 implementation of the information tech-

1 nology solutions described in paragraph
2 (2).

3 (iii) An evaluation of the information
4 technology solutions described in para-
5 graph (2) to determine whether the full
6 implementation of such solutions will re-
7 quire additional funding or authorities, in-
8 cluding budget estimates and a description
9 of such authorities, as appropriate.

10 (iv) Efforts to ensure world-class cy-
11 bersecurity standards for protection of
12 passport applicant data and the passport
13 issuance process infrastructure, particu-
14 larly such infrastructure involved in adju-
15 dication of passport applications.

16 (v) Other specific planned steps that
17 the Bureau will take to achieve the criteria
18 described in subsection (a).

19 (4) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 4 years
20 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the As-
21 sistant Secretary, in consultation with the Chief In-
22 formation Officer, shall submit to the appropriate
23 congressional committees a report on the following:

24 (A) Progress on each information tech-
25 nology solution described in paragraph (2).

1 (B) Additional information technology so-
2 lutions the Bureau intends to adopt.

3 (C) Changes in the cost for implementation
4 of the steps described in the action plan, if ap-
5 plicable.

6 (5) FORM.—The plans and report required by
7 this subsection shall be submitted in an unclassified
8 form and may include a classified annex, if nec-
9 essary.

10 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION FOR PASSPORT
11 ISSUANCE.—Nothing in this section may be construed as
12 an offer to procure a service or services or as a guarantee
13 of a contract for such services.

14 **SEC. 7509. SEAN AND DAVID GOLDMAN INTERNATIONAL**
15 **CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION AND RE-**
16 **TURN ACT OF 2014 ACT AMENDMENTS.**

17 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 3 of the Sean and David
18 Goldman International Child Abduction Prevention and
19 Return Act of 2014 (22 U.S.C. 9101) is amended—

20 (1) in paragraph (3)—

21 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
22 (A), by striking “‘abduction case’ means a”
23 and inserting “abduction case means—
24 “(A) a”;

1 (B) by striking “(A) has been reported”
2 and inserting the following:

3 “(i) has been reported”;

4 (C) in clause (i) (as so designated), by
5 striking “and” at the end;

6 (D) by striking “(B) meets the criteria”
7 and inserting the following:

8 “(ii) meets the criteria”;

9 (E) in clause (ii) (as so designated), by
10 striking the period at the end and inserting “;
11 and”;

12 (F) by adding at the end the following new
13 subparagraph:

14 “(B) includes any case reported involving
15 an application filed with the Central Authority
16 of the United States or directly with the foreign
17 central authority by a parent seeking rights of
18 access or return.”; and

19 (2) in paragraph (11), by striking “16” and in-
20 serting “18”.

21 (b) ACTION IN THE CASE OF ABDUCTED CHILDREN
22 WHO REACH THE AGE OF 16.—Section 201 of the Sean
23 and David Goldman International Child Abduction Pre-
24 vention and Return Act of 2014 (22 U.S.C. 9121) is

1 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 section:

3 “(d) ACTION IN THE CASE OF ABDUCTED CHILDREN
4 WHO REACH THE AGE OF 16.—When an individual who
5 is an abducted child attains 16 years of age, a consular
6 officer from a United States diplomatic mission in the
7 country in which such individual resides shall, until either
8 the left-behind parent seeking assistance or the individual
9 (after attaining 18 years of age) requests the officer to
10 cease, annually attempt to contact such individual,
11 through welfare and whereabouts visits and by engaging
12 other agencies and foreign counterparts as necessary, to
13 provide information, as relevant, on rights and privileges
14 as a United States citizen, such as passports, and any eli-
15 gible benefits from left-behind parent, such as G.I. edu-
16 cational and health benefits and to obtain a verified loca-
17 tion of such individual.”.

18 (e) STUDY ON INTERNATIONAL PARENTAL CHILD
19 ABDUCTION.—Section 202 of the Sean and David Gold-
20 man International Child Abduction Prevention and Return
21 Act of 2014 (22 U.S.C. 9122) is amended by adding at
22 the end the following new subsection:

23 “(h) STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL PARENTAL CHILD
24 ABDUCTION.—

1 “(1) STUDY REQUIRED.—Not later than 1 year
2 after the date of the enactment of this subsection,
3 the Secretary of State, subject to the availability of
4 funds, shall seek to enter into an agreement with an
5 appropriate university, research institution, or non-
6 governmental organization to study and publish a re-
7 port on the impact to abducted children and left-be-
8 hind parents as a result of international parental
9 child abduction.

10 “(2) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary of State
11 shall consult with the appropriate congressional com-
12 mittees on the goals of the study and report required
13 under paragraph (1).

14 “(3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
15 There is authorized to be appropriated \$1,000,000
16 for each of fiscal years 2025 and 2026 to carry out
17 the study required under paragraph (1).”.

1 **TITLE LXXVI—UNITED STATES**
2 **AGENCY FOR INTER-**
3 **NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

4 **SEC. 7601. PERSONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT AUTHORITY**
5 **FOR THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR**
6 **INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.**

7 Section 636(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
8 (22 U.S.C. 2396(a)) is amended by adding at the end the
9 following new paragraph:

10 “(17) employing individuals or organizations,
11 by contract, for services abroad for purposes of this
12 Act and title II of the Food for Peace Act, and indi-
13 viduals employed by contract to perform such serv-
14 ices shall not by virtue of such employment be con-
15 sidered to be employees of the United States Gov-
16 ernment (except that the Administrator of the
17 United States Agency for International Development
18 may determine the applicability to such individuals
19 of section 5 of the State Department Basic Authori-
20 ties Act of 1965 (22 U.S.C. 2672) regarding tort
21 claims when such claims arise in foreign countries in
22 connection with United States operations abroad,
23 and of any other law administered by the Adminis-
24 trator concerning the employment of such individ-
25 uals abroad), and such contracts are authorized to

1 be negotiated, the terms of the contracts to be pre-
2 scribed, and the work to be performed, where nec-
3 essary, without regard to such statutory provisions
4 as relate to the negotiation, making, and perform-
5 ance of contracts and performance of work in the
6 United States.”.

7 **SEC. 7602. CRISIS OPERATIONS AND DISASTER SURGE**
8 **STAFFING.**

9 Section 625 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
10 (22 U.S.C. 2385) is amended by adding at the end the
11 following new subsection:

12 “(k) CRISIS OPERATIONS AND DISASTER SURGE
13 STAFFING.—(1) The United States Agency for Inter-
14 national Development is authorized to appoint personnel
15 in the excepted service using funds authorized to be appro-
16 priated or otherwise made available under the heading
17 ‘Transition Initiatives’ in an Act making appropriations
18 for the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Re-
19 lated Programs and to carry out the provisions of part
20 I and chapter 4 of part II of this Act of and section 509(b)
21 of the Global Fragility Act of 2019 (title V of division
22 J of Public Law 116–94) to prevent or respond to foreign
23 crises.

24 “(2) Funds authorized to carry out such purposes
25 may be made available for the operating expenses and ad-

1 ministrative costs of such personnel and may remain at-
2 tributed to any minimum funding requirement for which
3 they were originally made available.

4 “(3) The Administrator of the United States Agency
5 for International Development shall coordinate with the
6 Office of Personnel Management on implementation of the
7 appointment authority under paragraph (1).

8 “(4) Not later than one year after the date of the
9 enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for 3 years,
10 the Administrator shall submit to the appropriate congres-
11 sional committees, the Committee on Homeland Security
12 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, the Committee
13 on Appropriations of the Senate, the Committee on Over-
14 sight and Accountability of the House of Representatives,
15 and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of
16 Representatives a report regarding the continued need for
17 and utilization of the authority pursuant to this sub-
18 section.”.

19 **SEC. 7603. EDUCATION ALLOWANCE WHILE ON MILITARY**
20 **LEAVE.**

21 Section 908 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22
22 U.S.C. 4088) is amended by inserting “or United States
23 Agency for International Development” after “A Depart-
24 ment”.

1 **SEC. 7604. INCLUSION IN THE PET TRANSPORTATION EX-**
2 **CEPTION TO THE FLY AMERICA ACT.**

3 Section 6224(a)(1) of the Department of State Au-
4 thorization Act of 2023 (division F of Public Law 118–
5 31; 22 U.S.C. 4081a) is amended, in the matter preceding
6 subparagraph (A)—

7 (1) by striking “the Department is” and insert-
8 ing “the Department and the United States Agency
9 for International Development (USAID), and other
10 United States Government employees under chief of
11 mission authority are”; and

12 (2) by striking “Department personnel” and in-
13 serting “Department and USAID personnel, and
14 other United States Government employees under
15 chief of mission authority”.

16 **TITLE LXXVII—DETECTING AND**
17 **PREVENTING UNLAWFUL OR**
18 **WRONGFUL DETENTION**

19 **SEC. 7701. HOSTAGE RECOVERY SUPPORT.**

20 Section 302(d) of the Robert Levinson Hostage Re-
21 covery and Hostage-Taking Accountability Act (22 U.S.C.
22 1741(d)) is amended—

23 (1) in paragraph (2)(B)(ii)(II), by inserting
24 “unless the Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage
25 Affairs determines that circumstances warrant an
26 additional night,” after “lodging,”; and

1 (2) in paragraph (4), by striking “of any
2 amount spent above \$250,000 for any fiscal year to
3 carry out paragraphs (2) and (3)” and inserting
4 “not later than 14 days after such time that total
5 expenditures to carry out paragraphs (2) and (3) in
6 any fiscal year surpass \$250,000 for any fiscal
7 year”.

8 **SEC. 7702. OPTIONS AND STRATEGIES FOR REDUCING LIKE-**
9 **LIHOOD OF UNITED STATES NATIONALS**
10 **BEING UNLAWFULLY OR WRONGFULLY DE-**
11 **TAINED OR TAKEN HOSTAGE.**

12 The Robert Levinson Hostage Recovery and Hostage-
13 Taking Accountability Act (22 U.S.C. 1741 et seq.) is
14 amended by inserting after section 305 the following new
15 section:

16 **“SEC. 305A. REPORT ON STRATEGIES FOR REDUCING LIKE-**
17 **LIHOOD OF UNITED STATES NATIONALS**
18 **BEING UNLAWFULLY OR WRONGFULLY DE-**
19 **TAINED OR TAKEN HOSTAGE.**

20 “Not later than 60 days after the date of the enact-
21 ment of this section, the Special Presidential Envoy for
22 Hostage Affairs, in coordination with the Hostage Recov-
23 ery Fusion Cell, the Hostage Response Group, and rel-
24 evant agencies, as appropriate, shall submit to the Presi-
25 dent and Congress a classified report that identifies and

1 recommends options and strategies to reduce the likeli-
2 hood of United States nationals being unlawfully or
3 wrongfully detained abroad or taken hostage.”.

4 **SEC. 7703. ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SANCTIONS IMPLE-**
5 **MENTATION.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appro-
7 priated to the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the
8 Treasury for fiscal year 2026 \$2,000,000 to implement
9 the sanctions authorities, except for any authority or re-
10 quirement to impose sanctions on the importation of
11 goods, provided by section 306 of the Robert Levinson
12 Hostage Recovery and Hostage-Taking Accountability Act
13 (22 U.S.C. 1741d) and Executive Order 14078 (22 U.S.C.
14 1741 note prec.; relating to bolstering efforts to bring hos-
15 tages and wrongfully detained United States nationals
16 home).

17 (b) GOOD DEFINED.—In this section, the term
18 “good” means any article, natural or manmade substance,
19 material, supply or manufactured product, including in-
20 spection and test equipment, and excluding technical data.

21 **SEC. 7704. ENHANCING UNITED STATES TRAVEL**
22 **ADVISORIES.**

23 There is authorized to be appropriated \$2,000,000
24 for the Bureau of Consular Affairs to use on travel advi-
25 sory advertisement campaigns regarding travel made by

1 United States nationals to countries under Level 4 “Do
2 Not Travel” advisories issued by the Department of State
3 Travel Advisory System.

4 **SEC. 7705. COORDINATION WITH TRANSPORTATION AU-**
5 **THORITIES AND INDUSTRY ON TRAVEL**
6 **ADVISORIES.**

7 The Robert Levinson Hostage Recovery and Hostage-
8 Taking Accountability Act (22 U.S.C. 1741 et seq.) is
9 amended by inserting after section 305A, as added by sec-
10 tion 7702 of this Act, the following new section:

11 **“SEC. 305B. COORDINATION WITH TRANSPORTATION AU-**
12 **THORITIES AND INDUSTRY ON DEPARTMENT**
13 **OF STATE TRAVEL ADVISORIES.**

14 “(a) COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
15 HOMELAND SECURITY.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State
17 shall, in coordination with the Secretary of Home-
18 land Security and representatives of any other Fed-
19 eral agency determined necessary, and in consulta-
20 tion with the Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage
21 Affairs and the Assistant Secretary of State for
22 Consular Affairs, develop messaging and informa-
23 tional guidance to be delivered at all United States
24 international airports and on relevant United States
25 Government websites warning United States nation-

1 als of the risks of wrongful or unlawful detention or
2 hostage-taking in covered countries.

3 “(2) MESSAGING AND GUIDANCE.—The mes-
4 saging and guidance described under paragraph (1)
5 may include—

6 “(A) posters, brochures, and other infor-
7 mational materials;

8 “(B) web banners or other warnings to be
9 displayed on relevant United States Govern-
10 ment websites and webpages;

11 “(C) verbal warnings at United States
12 international airports to United States nation-
13 als whose destinations, to the extent they are
14 discernable, are covered countries; and

15 “(D) other methods deemed appropriate by
16 the Secretary, in coordination with the Sec-
17 retary of Homeland Security and representa-
18 tives of any other Federal agency determined
19 necessary.

20 “(b) DEPARTMENT OF STATE COORDINATION WITH
21 UNITED STATES AIRLINES.—The Secretary of State shall,
22 in coordination with the Secretary of Homeland Security
23 and representatives of any other Federal agency deter-
24 mined necessary, and in consultation with the Special
25 Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs and Assistant Sec-

1 retary of the Bureau of Consular Affairs, work with
2 United States airlines to provide warnings about the risk
3 of wrongful or unlawful detention and hostage-taking to
4 United States nationals booking travel through their air-
5 lines to a covered country.

6 “(c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
7 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall,
8 in coordination with the Secretary of Homeland Security
9 and representatives of any other Federal agency deter-
10 mined necessary, submit to Congress a report detailing—

11 “(1) the additional steps taken to warn United
12 States nationals of the risks of wrongful or unlawful
13 detention and hostage-taking abroad, including those
14 described in this section;

15 “(2) efforts to improve the visibility and expand
16 the reach of Department of State travel advisories
17 concerning the risks to United States nationals of
18 wrongful or unlawful detention and hostage-taking
19 abroad; and

20 “(3) additional recommendations on steps the
21 United States Government might take to improve
22 the awareness of United States nationals of the risk
23 of wrongful or unlawful detention and hostage-tak-
24 ing abroad.

1 “(d) COVERED COUNTRY DEFINED.—In this section,
2 the term ‘covered country’ means a country for which a
3 Department of State travel advisory contains either the
4 ‘K—Kidnapping or Hostage Taking’ or ‘D—Wrongful
5 Detention’ Risk Indicators.”.

6 **SEC. 7706. PRIVACY ACT WAIVER AND PASSPORT RENEW-**
7 **ALS.**

8 (a) REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE TRAVEL ADVISORY
9 INFORMATION ON UNITED STATES PASSPORTS.—Section
10 6103 of the Department of State Authorization Act of
11 2023 (division F of Public Law 118–31; 22 U.S.C. 211a
12 note) is amended, in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
13 by striking “should” and inserting “shall”.

14 (b) INCLUSION OF PRIVACY ACT WRITTEN CONSENT
15 FORM IN PASSPORT APPLICATION.—Section 1 of title IX
16 of the Act of June 15, 1917 (22 U.S.C. 213), is amended
17 by adding at the end the following: “Each passport appli-
18 cation made available to potential applicants (DS–11) and
19 each passport renewal application made available to cur-
20 rent passport holders (DS–82) shall include a form that,
21 if completed, indicates the applicant’s consent to the dis-
22 closure of information otherwise protected under section
23 552a of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as
24 the ‘Privacy Act of 1974’) in the event such applicant is
25 determined to be wrongfully detained by a foreign govern-

1 ment. Declining to complete such form shall not affect the
2 issuance of a passport to a qualified applicant or diplo-
3 matic efforts to secure the release of a United States na-
4 tional from the custody of a foreign government or enti-
5 ty.”.

6 **SEC. 7707. TIMELINE FOR UNLAWFUL OR WRONGFUL DE-**
7 **TENTION DETERMINATIONS.**

8 Section 302 of the Robert Levinson Hostage Recov-
9 ery and Hostage-Taking Accountability Act (22 U.S.C.
10 1741) is amended by adding at the end the following:

11 “(e) **TIMELINE FOR UNLAWFUL OR WRONGFUL DE-**
12 **TENTION DETERMINATIONS.—**

13 “(1) **CREDIBLE INFORMATION DETERMINA-**
14 **TIONS.—**

15 “(A) **IN GENERAL.—**Not less frequently
16 than every 180 days, the Assistant Secretary
17 for the Bureau of Consular Affairs and the
18 Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs
19 shall review the cases where there is potential
20 credible information that any United States na-
21 tional is being detained wrongfully and which
22 has been identified through official government
23 channels to both bureaus.

24 “(B) **REPORT OF FINDINGS.—**Not later
25 than 30 days after each review under subpara-

1 graph (A), the Assistant Secretary of State for
2 Consular Affairs and the Special Presidential
3 Envoy for Hostage Affairs shall jointly submit
4 to Congress a classified report identifying the
5 United States nationals identified as a result of
6 the review in subparagraph (A) detained over-
7 seas who have not, as of the date of the report,
8 been determined by the Secretary to be unlaw-
9 fully or wrongfully detained.

10 “(C) NOTIFICATION TO FAMILY MEM-
11 BERS.—In the case of a United States national
12 detained overseas identified in the report under
13 subparagraph (B), the Assistant Secretary of
14 State for Consular Affairs shall notify a family
15 member (as that term is defined in subsection
16 (d)(8)) or the legal representative of the United
17 States national not later than 30 days after the
18 transmittal of the report required by subpara-
19 graph (B).

20 “(2) STATUS DETERMINATIONS.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
22 subparagraph (B) and to the extent practicable,
23 not later than 180 days after the date on which
24 the Secretary of State receives an assessment
25 from the Special Presidential Envoy for Hos-

1 tage Affairs or the head of any other relevant
2 bureau of the Department of State that credible
3 information exists that a United States national
4 is being detained unlawfully or wrongfully, the
5 Secretary shall determine whether the United
6 States national is in fact being unlawfully or
7 wrongfully detained.

8 “(B) WAIVER.—

9 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary
10 may waive the requirement under subpara-
11 graph (A) to make an unlawful or wrong-
12 ful detention determination if the Sec-
13 retary—

14 “(I) determines that making such
15 a determination may jeopardize the
16 safety or interests of the United
17 States national being detained abroad
18 or the national security interests of
19 the United States; and

20 “(II) submits to Congress a clas-
21 sified report describing the reasons
22 for the waiver.

23 “(ii) TIMING.—A waiver under clause
24 (i) shall expire on the date that is 180
25 days after the date on which the Secretary

1 submits the report on the waiver to Con-
2 gress pursuant to clause (i)(II).

3 “(iii) RENEWAL.—The Secretary may
4 renew a waiver granted pursuant to clause
5 (i) in the manner provided under such
6 clause.”.

7 **SEC. 7708. DECLARATIONS OF INVALIDITY.**

8 Section 302 of the Robert Levinson Hostage Recov-
9 ery and Hostage-Taking Accountability Act (22 U.S.C.
10 1741), as amended by section 7707 of this Act, is further
11 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
12 section:

13 “(f) DECLARATIONS OF INVALIDITY.—Upon the re-
14 lease of a United States national determined to be unlaw-
15 fully or wrongfully detained abroad and the return of that
16 national, the President shall issue to that national a letter,
17 to be known as a ‘declaration of invalidity’, that officially
18 declares the detention abroad of the national as invalid
19 for the purpose of completing any documentation that
20 warrants a background investigation or review of prior of-
21 fenses, such as a conviction.”.

1 **TITLE LXXVIII—OTHER**
2 **MATTERS**

3 **SEC. 7801. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS TO PRO-**
4 **MOTE UNITED STATES CITIZEN EMPLOY-**
5 **MENT AT THE UNITED NATIONS AND INTER-**
6 **NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.**

7 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The President should direct
8 United States departments and agencies to, in coordina-
9 tion with the Secretary —

10 (1) fund and recruit Junior Professional Offi-
11 cers for positions at the United Nations and related
12 specialized and technical organizations; and

13 (2) facilitate secondments, details, and trans-
14 fers to agencies and specialized and technical bodies
15 of the United Nations.

16 (b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is
17 authorized to be appropriated an additional \$20,000,000
18 for each of the fiscal years 2025 through 2031 for the
19 Secretary to support Junior Professional Officers, details,
20 transfers, and interns that advance United States inter-
21 ests at multilateral institutions and international organi-
22 zations, including to recruit, train, and host events related
23 to such positions, and to promote United States citizen
24 candidates for employment and leadership positions at
25 multilateral institutions and international organizations.

1 (c) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts appropriated pursuant
2 to subsection (a) shall remain available until expended.

3 (d) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—Not later than
4 15 days prior to the obligation of funds authorized to be
5 appropriated under this section, the Secretary shall submit
6 to the appropriate congressional committees and the Com-
7 mittee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee
8 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives a noti-
9 fication outlining the amount and proposed use of such
10 funds.

11 **SEC. 7802. AMENDMENT TO REWARDS FOR JUSTICE PRO-**
12 **GRAM.**

13 Section 36(b) of the State Department Basic Au-
14 thorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2708(b)) is amended—

15 (1) in paragraph (13), by striking “; or” and
16 inserting a semicolon;

17 (2) in paragraph (14), by striking the period at
18 the end and inserting “; or”; and

19 (3) by adding at the end the following new
20 paragraph:

21 “(15) the restraining, seizing, forfeiting, or re-
22 patriating of stolen assets linked to foreign govern-
23 ment corruption and the proceeds of such corrup-
24 tion.”.

1 **SEC. 7803. UNITED STATES-AFRICA LEADERS SUMMIT AND**
2 **RELATED MATTERS.**

3 (a) UNITED STATES-AFRICA LEADERS SUMMIT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and bi-
6 ennially thereafter, the President shall convene a
7 United States-Africa Leaders Summit to strengthen
8 ties and promote cooperation with African leaders,
9 as well as civil society, business, diaspora, women,
10 and youth leaders.

11 (2) PARTICIPATION.—Each summit convened
12 pursuant to this subsection shall have participation,
13 including in meetings with United States officials,
14 from—

15 (A) leaders of civilian-led governments of
16 African countries in good standing with the Af-
17 rican Union, provided that such leaders—

18 (i) are not sanctioned by the United
19 States; and

20 (ii) have not been found, by credible
21 international observers or other inter-
22 national bodies, to have undermined demo-
23 cratic elections;

24 (B) heads of transitional governments that
25 are implementing a roadmap to hold credible
26 elections and who are unaffiliated with actions

1 that were related to an unconstitutional change
2 of administration; and

3 (C) civil society from each of the African
4 countries represented at the Summit.

5 (3) NON-PAYMENT OF AU MEMBERSHIP FEES
6 NOT BASIS FOR DISQUALIFICATION.—For the pur-
7 poses of this subsection, non-payment of membership
8 fees to the African Union shall not disqualify a
9 country’s leader.

10 (b) UNITED STATES-AFRICA CITY SUMMIT (“MINI
11 SUMMIT”).—The Secretary should, not later than one
12 year after each summit hosted under subsection (a) host
13 a United States-Africa City Summit (“Mini Summit”)
14 across cities in Africa or the United States to promote
15 subregional cooperation and serve as a catalyst in fos-
16 tering engagement with representatives of government,
17 civil society, business, academia, youth, culture and the
18 arts, the African diaspora community, and underrep-
19 resented groups.

20 (c) UNITED STATES-AFRICA LEADERS SUMMIT IM-
21 PLEMENTATION UNIT.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish
23 within the Bureau for African Affairs of the Depart-
24 ment of State a United States-Africa Leaders Sum-
25 mit implementation unit responsible for coordi-

1 nating, planning and implementing summits, which
2 should include robust interagency consultation and
3 may include, on a temporary basis, personnel sec-
4 onded from USAID and other Federal agencies as
5 appropriate, and which shall be led by an individual
6 who has previously been appointed by the President
7 and confirmed by the Senate.

8 (2) DUTIES.—The duties of the implementation
9 unit authorized by this subsection shall include—

10 (A) using lessons learned from the 2022
11 African Leaders Summit and subsequent sum-
12 mits to inform planning of future summits;

13 (B) leading interagency efforts to provide
14 guidance to United States embassies in African
15 countries related to planning each summit and
16 engagement with governments and civil society
17 in advance of each summit;

18 (C) tracking and ensuring implementation
19 of commitments made during United States-Af-
20 rica Leaders Summits;

21 (D) liaising with interagency partners and
22 the National Security Council regarding imple-
23 mentation of summit commitments;

1 (E) facilitating meetings and engagement
2 with African Diaspora communities and stake-
3 holders; and

4 (F) reporting quarterly on a public website
5 of the Department regarding progress to ac-
6 complish summit commitments and status of
7 commitments across Federal departments and
8 agencies.

9 (3) REQUIREMENT FOR CONSULTATION.—Not
10 later than 180 days after the date of the enactment
11 of this Act, and every 180 days thereafter, the im-
12 plementation unit shall consult with the appropriate
13 congressional committees on summit planning and
14 the fulfillment of commitments and any relevant fol-
15 low on issues in the wake of each summit.

16 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
17 authorized to be appropriated \$28,000,000 in fiscal year
18 2025 and \$14,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026
19 through 2029. Such sums shall remain available for three
20 fiscal years.

21 **SEC. 7804. SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS.**

22 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It shall be the policy
23 of the United States to work with the Summit of the
24 Americas Secretariat to support the organization of a
25 Summit of the Americas every 4 years, or more frequently

1 as appropriate, subject to the availability of funds, to
2 strengthen ties and promote cooperation between the
3 United States and countries in the Western Hemisphere,
4 as well as civil society, business, diaspora, women, and
5 youth leaders.

6 (b) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary is authorized to
7 carry out the policy described in subsection (a).

8 (c) CITIES SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS.—

9 (1) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following
10 findings:

11 (A) Subnational diplomacy strengthens
12 democratic governance by enhancing the ability
13 of local leader to tackle shared challenges and
14 deepens United States ties with regional part-
15 ners by localizing bilateral and multilateral
16 partnerships and connections.

17 (B) The first-ever Cities Summit of the
18 Americas in 2023 promoted a valuable ex-
19 change of best practices and lessons learned be-
20 tween city, State, municipal, and regional lead-
21 ers and should be held as part of the Summit
22 of the Americas process.

23 (2) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized
24 to work with the Summit of the Americas Secre-
25 tariat to support the organization of Cities Summit

1 of the Americas, across cities in the Western Hemi-
2 sphere, including the United States, to take place as
3 a part of each Summit of the Americas described in
4 subsection (a), to promote subnational cooperation
5 and serve as a catalyst in fostering engagement with
6 representatives of government, civil society, faith-
7 based organizations, business, academia, youth, cul-
8 ture and the arts, Latin American and Caribbean di-
9 aspora communities, and underrepresented groups.

10 (d) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary is authorized
11 to designate an existing official to serve within the Depart-
12 ment as senior-level coordinator to coordinate, in conjunc-
13 tion with other relevant agencies, matters related to the
14 implementation of Summit of Americas commitments, in-
15 cluding—

16 (1) tracking and ensuring implementation of
17 commitments made during Summits of the Amer-
18 icas; and

19 (2) liaising with interagency partners and the
20 National Security Council regarding implementation
21 of summit commitments.

22 (e) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
23 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for
24 5 years, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate con-
25 gressional committees a report on the implementation of

1 this section, including the status of commitments of the
2 United States and participating partners for the prior year
3 and upcoming year.

4 **SEC. 7805. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN PAYMENT IN CONNEC-**
5 **TION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STA-**
6 **TION.**

7 Section 7(1) of Public Law 106–178 (50 U.S.C. 1701
8 note) is amended, in the undesignated matter following
9 subparagraph (B), by striking “December 31, 2025” and
10 inserting “December 31, 2030”.

11 **SEC. 7806. INCLUSION OF COST ASSOCIATED WITH PRO-**
12 **DUCING REPORTS.**

13 (a) **ESTIMATED COST OF REPORTS.**—Beginning on
14 October 1, 2026, and for the next three fiscal years, the
15 Secretary shall require that any report produced for exter-
16 nal distribution, including for distribution to Congress, in-
17 clude the total estimated cost of producing such report
18 and the estimated number of personnel hours.

19 (b) **ANNUAL TOTAL COST OF REPORTS.**—Not later
20 than 90 days after the end of each fiscal year, beginning
21 with fiscal year 2025, and for the next three fiscal years,
22 the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate congres-
23 sional committees and the Committee on Appropriations
24 of the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations of the
25 House of Representatives an annual report listing the re-

1 ports issued for the prior fiscal year, the frequency of each
2 report, the total estimated cost associated with producing
3 such report, and the estimated number of personnel hours.

4 **SEC. 7807. FENTANYL REPORTING AND AUTHORITIES.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
7 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
8 gress” means—

9 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
10 the Senate;

11 (B) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
12 Senate;

13 (C) the Committee on Homeland Security
14 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

15 (D) the Committee on Appropriations of
16 the Senate;

17 (E) the Committee on Armed Services of
18 the Senate;

19 (F) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
20 the House of Representatives;

21 (G) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
22 House of Representatives;

23 (H) the Committee on Homeland Security
24 of the House of Representatives;

1 (I) the Committee on Appropriations of the
2 House of Representatives; and

3 (J) the Committee on Armed Services of
4 the House of Representatives.

5 (2) BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
7 subparagraph (B), the term “beneficiary coun-
8 tries” means Colombia, Mexico, and Peru.

9 (B) UPDATES.—The Secretary, in con-
10 sultation with the Attorney General and the
11 Secretary of Defense, may add or remove one
12 or more countries from the list of beneficiary
13 countries under subparagraph (A) after pro-
14 viding written notification of such changes to
15 the appropriate committees of Congress.

16 (3) LISTED CHEMICAL.—The term “listed
17 chemical” has the meaning given such term in sec-
18 tion 102 of the Controlled Substances Act (21
19 U.S.C. 802).

20 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary, in coordina-
21 tion with the Secretary of Defense and the Attorney Gen-
22 eral, may carry out the “Precursor Chemical Destruction
23 Initiative” in beneficiary countries to achieve the purposes
24 described in subsection (c).

25 (c) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—

1 (1) to improve and increase rates of seizure and
2 destruction of listed chemicals in beneficiary coun-
3 tries;

4 (2) to alleviate the backlog of seized listed
5 chemicals and dispose of the hazardous waste gen-
6 erated by illicit drug trafficking in beneficiary coun-
7 tries in an environmentally safe and effective man-
8 ner;

9 (3) to ensure that seized listed chemicals are
10 not reintroduced into the illicit drug production
11 stream within beneficiary countries;

12 (4) to free up storage space for future listed
13 chemical seizures within beneficiary countries; and

14 (5) to reduce the negative environmental impact
15 of listed chemicals.

16 (d) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—Not later than 90
17 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
18 retary, in coordination with the Attorney General and the
19 Secretary of Defense, shall submit an implementation plan
20 to the appropriate committees of Congress that includes
21 a timeline and stated objectives for actions to be taken
22 in beneficiary countries in support of the Precursor Chem-
23 ical Destruction Initiative.

24 (e) ELEMENTS.—The implementation plan required
25 under subsection (d) shall include—

1 (1) a multi-year strategy with a timeline, over-
2 view of objectives, budgetary projections, and antici-
3 pated outcomes for the region and for each bene-
4 ficiary country;

5 (2) specific, measurable benchmarks to track
6 the progress of the Precursor Chemical Destruction
7 Initiative towards accomplishing the outcomes re-
8 ferred to in paragraph (1);

9 (3) a plan for the delineation of the roles to be
10 carried out by the Department of State, the Depart-
11 ment of Justice, the Department of Defense, and
12 any other Federal department or agency in carrying
13 out the Precursor Chemical Destruction Initiative;
14 and

15 (4) a plan for addressing security and govern-
16 ment corruption and providing updates to the appro-
17 priate committees of Congress on the results of such
18 efforts.

19 (f) ANNUAL PROGRESS UPDATE.—Not later than one
20 year after the submission of the implementation plan pur-
21 suant to subsection (d), and annually thereafter, the Sec-
22 retary, in coordination with the Attorney General and the
23 Secretary of Defense, shall submit to the appropriate com-
24 mittees of Congress a written description of the results

1 achieved by the Precursor Chemical Destruction Initiative,
2 including—

3 (1) the implementation of the strategy and
4 plans described in subsections (d) and (e);

5 (2) compliance with, and progress related to,
6 meeting the benchmarks referred to in subsection
7 (e)(2); and

8 (3) the type and quantity of listed chemicals de-
9 stroyed by each beneficiary country.

10 (g) FUNDING.—The Secretary shall use amounts oth-
11 erwise appropriated for International Narcotics Control
12 and Law Enforcement programs managed by the Depart-
13 ment to carry out this section.

14 **SEC. 7808. STRENGTHENING TRACKING OF TRANQ.**

15 Section 489(a)(11) of the Foreign Assistance Act of
16 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2291h(a)(11)) is amended—

17 (1) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “,
18 xylazine,” after “illicit fentanyl”; and

19 (2) in subparagraph (D), by inserting “)” be-
20 fore the semicolon at the end.

21 **SEC. 7809. SIGAR SUNSET AND TRANSITION.**

22 (a) SUNSET.—Section 1229(o)(1) of the National
23 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public
24 Law 110–181; 5 U.S.C. 415 note) is amended by striking
25 “terminate 180 days” and all that follows through the pe-

1 riod at the end and inserting “terminate on January 31,
2 2026.”.

3 (b) ELIGIBILITY FOR ICTAP.—Any individual who is
4 an employee of the Office of the Special Inspector General
5 for Afghanistan Reconstruction on the date of the enact-
6 ment of this section shall be—

7 (1) given priority consideration for appointment
8 under the Interagency Career Transition Assistance
9 Program under subpart G of part 330 of title 5,
10 Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regu-
11 lation), subject to the terms and conditions of such
12 Program; and

13 (2) considered to be displaced and ICTAP-eli-
14 ble as those terms are defined in section 330.702 of
15 such subpart (or any successor regulation) for pur-
16 poses of the Program; and

17 (3) considered to have established proof of eligi-
18 bility under section 330.710 of such subpart (or any
19 successor regulation) for the purposes of the Pro-
20 gram.

21 (c) APPOINTMENT TO THE COMPETITIVE SERVICE.—
22 Any individual described in subsection (b) who is found
23 to be well qualified for a position may be appointed in
24 the competitive service without competitive examination.

1 (d) REGULATIONS.—The Director of the Office of
2 Personnel Management may prescribe regulations for the
3 administration of this section.

4 (e) USE OF UNOBLIGATED FUNDS.—Any unobli-
5 gated funds remaining available for the Office of the Spe-
6 cial Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction on
7 February 1, 2026, may be used by the Office of Inspector
8 General of the Department of State.

9 **SEC. 7810. COORDINATOR FOR AFGHAN RELOCATION EF-**
10 **FORTS.**

11 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF COORDINATOR.—The Sec-
12 retary shall appoint a Coordinator for Afghan Relocation
13 Efforts (in this section referred to as the “Coordinator”),
14 who shall be responsible for—

15 (1) relocating and resettling eligible Afghan al-
16 lies and facilitating the departure of United States
17 citizens and lawful permanent residents who request
18 United States assistance to leave Afghanistan; and

19 (2) working with other offices of the Depart-
20 ment, as well as with appropriate counterparts at
21 other Federal departments and agencies, to ensure
22 integrated United States support for such relocation
23 efforts.

24 (b) AUTHORITIES.—The Coordinator is authorized—

1 (1) to enter into personal services contracts for
2 a period ending not later than the date described in
3 subsection (e);

4 (2) to extend and maintain through such date
5 personal services contracts entered into pursuant to
6 the authority provided by section 2401 of the Af-
7 ghanistan Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022
8 (Public Law 117-43);

9 (3) to hire temporary personnel who are United
10 States citizens, except that to the extent possible the
11 Coordinator should use Foreign Service limited ap-
12 pointments to fill such positions both in the United
13 States and abroad in accordance with section 309 of
14 the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3949);
15 and

16 (4) subject to the availability of appropria-
17 tions—

18 (A) to accept, in the form of reimburse-
19 ment or transfer, amounts from other Federal
20 departments or agencies as appropriate to carry
21 out the duties described in subsection (a); and

22 (B) to reimburse such other departments
23 or agencies as the Coordinator may determine
24 appropriate to carry out such duties.

1 (c) DETAILEES AND ASSIGNEES.—Any Federal Gov-
2 ernment employee may be detailed or assigned to the Of-
3 fice of the Coordinator, with or without reimbursement,
4 consistent with applicable laws and regulations regarding
5 such employee, and such detail or assignment shall be
6 without interruption or loss of status or privilege.

7 (d) NOTIFICATION WITH RESPECT TO TRANSFERS
8 OF FUNDS.—The Coordinator shall notify the appropriate
9 congressional committees and the Committee on Appro-
10 priations of the Senate and the Committee on Appropria-
11 tions of the House of Representatives of each use of the
12 transfer authority made available under subsection
13 (b)(4)(A) not later than 15 days before the completion of
14 such transfer.

15 (e) SUNSET.—This section and the authorities pro-
16 vided by this section shall terminate on the date that is
17 3 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

18 **SEC. 7811. FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF**
19 **CERTAIN EXPENSES OF PERSONS EVACU-**
20 **ATED FROM AFGHANISTAN.**

21 (a) FEASIBILITY STUDY.—Not later than 180 days
22 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
23 shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress
24 a feasibility study on potential reimbursement for the ex-
25 penses of personal funds by any covered United States

1 person to evacuate American citizens, lawful permanent
2 residents of the United States, or allies from Afghanistan
3 during the period beginning on August 1, 2021, and end-
4 ing on March 31, 2022.

5 (b) CONSULTATION.—In developing the feasibility
6 study required by subsection (a), the Secretary shall con-
7 sult with nongovernmental organizations, including vet-
8 erans service organizations, with expertise in supporting
9 the evacuation of United States citizens and Afghan allies
10 from Afghanistan.

11 (c) ELEMENTS.—The feasibility study required by
12 subsection (a) shall also include the following elements:

13 (1) A list of each nongovernmental organization
14 consulted in accordance with subsection (b) during
15 the development of the feasibility study.

16 (2) The process for filing a reimbursement
17 claim.

18 (3) The supporting documentation required to
19 file a reimbursement claim.

20 (4) An estimate of the time that would be asso-
21 ciated with processing a reimbursement claim.

22 (5) Eligibility requirements for covered United
23 States persons to file a reimbursement claim under
24 the program described in the feasibility study.

1 (6) The criteria for reimbursement under the
2 program, including a maximum reimbursement limit
3 and a prohibition on the issuance of reimbursements
4 for expenses described in subsection (a) for which a
5 deduction was allowed under the Internal Revenue
6 Code of 1986.

7 (7) The types of reimbursable claims and activi-
8 ties that would be considered for reimbursement,
9 such as funding for safe houses, travel, food, and
10 other life-saving provisions.

11 (8) The process for disbursing funds to United
12 States persons once a reimbursement claim is
13 verified and approved.

14 (9) An estimate of the costs that would be asso-
15 ciated with implementing the reimbursement pro-
16 gram described in the feasibility study, including
17 whether sufficient funds have already been appro-
18 priated.

19 (10) A recommendation for the Federal entity
20 best suited to carry out the reimbursement program
21 described in the feasibility study, including whether
22 sufficient statutory authority already exists for such
23 Federal entity to provide such reimbursements.

24 (11) Additional recommendations, including as-
25 sessment of feasibility, for options to pay back cov-

1 ered United States persons other than through reim-
2 bursements.

3 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
5 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
6 gress” means—

7 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations,
8 the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
9 ernmental Affairs, the Committee on Armed
10 Services, the Committee on the Judiciary, and
11 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;
12 and

13 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
14 Committee on Oversight and Accountability, the
15 Committee on Armed Services, the Committee
16 on the Judiciary, and the Committee on Appro-
17 priations of the House of Representatives.

18 (2) ALLY FROM AFGHANISTAN.—The term “ally
19 from Afghanistan” means an individual who was eli-
20 gible, upon evacuation during the period described in
21 subsection (a), for—

22 (A) special immigrant status or processing
23 under section 101(a)(27) of the Immigration
24 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(27)),
25 pursuant to section 602(b) of the Afghan Allies

1 Protection Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–8; 8
2 U.S.C. 1101 note); or

3 (B) the U.S. Refugees Admissions Pro-
4 gram through the Priority 1 or Priority 2 cat-
5 egories.

6 (3) COVERED UNITED STATES PERSON.—The
7 term “covered United States person”—

8 (A) means an individual who is a citizen or
9 national of the United States or an alien law-
10 fully admitted for permanent residence in the
11 United States; and

12 (B) does not include any private group,
13 foundation, or other entity who received funds
14 from private foundations, other private donors,
15 or other sources of funds to conduct evacuation
16 efforts in Afghanistan.

17 **SEC. 7812. EXTENSIONS.**

18 (a) USAID CIVIL SERVICE ANNUITANT WAIVER.—
19 Section 625(j)(1)(B) of the Foreign Assistance Act of
20 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2385(j)(1)(B)) shall be applied by strik-
21 ing “October 1, 2010” and inserting “September 30,
22 2026”.

23 (b) OVERSEAS PAY COMPARABILITY AND LIMITA-
24 TION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The authority provided
2 under section 1113 of the Supplemental Appropria-
3 tions Act, 2009 (Public Law 111–32; 123 Stat.
4 1904) shall remain in effect through December 31,
5 2034.

6 (2) LIMITATION.—The authority described in
7 paragraph (1) may not be used to pay an eligible
8 member of the Foreign Service (as defined in section
9 1113(b) of the Supplemental Appropriations Act,
10 2009 (Public Law 111–32; 123 Stat. 1904)) a local-
11 ity-based comparability payment (stated as a per-
12 centage) that exceeds two-thirds of the amount of
13 the locality-based comparability payment (stated as
14 a percentage) that would be payable to such member
15 under section 5304 of title 5, United States Code,
16 if such member’s official duty station were in the
17 District of Columbia.

18 (c) INSPECTOR GENERAL ANNUITANT WAIVER.—
19 The authorities provided under section 1015(b) of the
20 Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2010 (Public Law 111–
21 212; 124 Stat. 2332)—

22 (1) shall remain in effect through September
23 30, 2026; and

24 (2) may be used to facilitate the assignment of
25 persons for oversight of programs in countries with

1 a humanitarian disaster or complex emergency dec-
2 laration.

3 (d) SECURITY REVIEW COMMITTEES.—The authority
4 provided under section 301(a)(3) of the Omnibus Diplo-
5 matic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986 (22 U.S.C.
6 4831(a)(3)) shall remain in effect for facilities in Afghani-
7 stan and shall apply to facilities in Ukraine through Sep-
8 tember 30, 2026, except that the notification and report-
9 ing requirements contained in such section shall include
10 the appropriate congressional committees, the Committee
11 on Appropriations of the Senate, and the Committee on
12 Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

13 (e) READ ACT REAUTHORIZATION.—Section 4(a) of
14 the Reinforcing Education Accountability in Development
15 Act (division A of Public Law 115–56; 22 U.S.C. 2151c
16 note) is amended by striking “one year after the date of
17 the enactment of this Act” and inserting “December 31,
18 2025”.

19 (f) RECIPROCAL ACCESS TO TIBET ACT OF 2018.—
20 The Reciprocal Access to Tibet Act of 2018 (Public Law
21 115–330; 8 U.S.C. 1182 note) is amended—

22 (1) in section 4(a), in the matter preceding
23 paragraph (1), by striking “the following five years”
24 and inserting “the following 10 years”; and

1 (2) in section 5(c), in the first sentence, by
2 striking “the following five years” and inserting “the
3 following 10 years”.

4 (g) HONG KONG HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY
5 ACT OF 2019.—Section 7(h) of the Hong Kong Human
6 Rights and Democracy Act of 2019 (Public Law 116–76;
7 22 U.S.C. 5701 note) is amended by striking “December
8 20, 2024” and inserting “the date that is 10 years after
9 the date of the enactment of this Act”.

10 (h) UYGHUR HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY ACT OF
11 2020.—Section 6(h) of the Uyghur Human Rights Policy
12 Act of 2020 (Public Law 116–145; 22 U.S.C. 6901 note)
13 is amended by striking “5 years” and inserting “10
14 years”.

