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H. R. 2899

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to ensure open and free journalism access in the People’s Republic of China by establishing a reciprocal relationship between the number of visas issued to state-controlled media workers in China and in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROHRBACHER (for himself, Mr. POE of Texas, and Mr. FORBES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Chinese Media Reci-
5 procity Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON VISAS TO STATE-CONTROLLED**
2 **MEDIA WORKERS FROM THE PEOPLE’S RE-**
3 **PUBLIC OF CHINA.**

4 (a) LIMITATION ON I-VISAS.—Section 101(a)(15)(I)
5 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
6 1101(a)(15)(I)) is amended by inserting “subject to sec-
7 tion 214(s),” before “upon a basis”.

8 (b) RECIPROCITY OF VISAS TO STATE MEDIA WORK-
9 ERS.—Section 214 of the Immigration and Nationality
10 Act (8 U.S.C. 1184) is amended by adding at the end the
11 following:

12 “(s)(1) In the case of an alien who is a state-con-
13 trolled media worker from the People’s Republic of China
14 and is seeking classification under section 101(a)(15)(I),
15 the Attorney General may only issue a visa to such an
16 alien upon a basis of reciprocity with visas issued by the
17 People’s Republic of China to nationals of the United
18 States who are employees of the Broadcasting Board of
19 Governors and who seek to enter the People’s Republic
20 of China solely to engage in such vocation.

21 “(2) For purposes of this subsection—

22 “(A) the term ‘state-controlled media
23 worker from the People’s Republic of China’
24 means a representative of a media organization
25 owned, operated, or controlled by the People’s
26 Republic of China, including—

1 “(i) China Central Television;

2 “(ii) China Daily;

3 “(iii) China National Radio;

4 “(iv) China News Service;

5 “(v) China Radio International;

6 “(vi) China Youth Daily;

7 “(vii) Economic Daily;

8 “(viii) Global Times;

9 “(ix) Guangming Daily;

10 “(x) Legal Daily;

11 “(xi) Liberation Army Daily;

12 “(xii) People’s Daily; or

13 “(xiii) Xinhua News Agency; and

14 “(B) the term ‘Broadcasting Board of
15 Governors’ means—

16 “(i) the entity described under the
17 Chinese Media Reciprocity Act of 2011;

18 and

19 “(ii) any other entity that engages in
20 broadcasting activities as a result of such
21 Act.”.

22 **SEC. 3. REVOCATION OF CERTAIN VISAS; NONIMMIGRANT**
23 **STATUS.**

24 (a) REVOCATION OF CERTAIN VISAS.—Not later than
25 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the

1 Secretary of State shall revoke a sufficient number of visas
2 issued to state-controlled media workers from the People’s
3 Republic of China so that the remaining number of such
4 visas does not exceed the number of visas issued by the
5 People’s Republic of China to nationals of the United
6 States who are employees of the Broadcasting Board of
7 Governors and who seek to enter the People’s Republic
8 of China solely to engage in such vocation.

9 (b) REVOCATION OF CERTAIN NONIMMIGRANT STA-
10 TUS.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-
11 ment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall revoke the
12 nonimmigrant status of a sufficient number of aliens who
13 are state-controlled media workers from the People’s Re-
14 public of China and who entered the United States as non-
15 immigrants under section 101(a)(15)(I) of the Immigra-
16 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(I)) so that
17 the remaining number of such aliens with a valid immigra-
18 tion status who are present in the United States does not
19 exceed the number of nationals of the United States who
20 are employees of the Broadcasting Board of Governors
21 and who entered the People’s Republic of China under a
22 nonimmigrant visa solely to engage in such vocation.

23 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section the terms “state-
24 controlled media workers from the People’s Republic of
25 China” and “Broadcasting Board of Governors” have the

1 meanings given such terms in section 214(s)(2) of the Im-
2 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(s)(2)).

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