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To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide increased penalties for a country that denies or delays accepting 2,000 aliens who are nationals of that country, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 14, 2022

Mr. CAWTHORN (for himself and Mr. WEBER of Texas) 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 “Reinforcing Every
5 Final Order of Removal Measure Act of 2022” or the
6 “REFORM Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISCONTINUING GRANTING VISAS TO NATIONALS**
2 **OF COUNTRY DENYING OR DELAYING AC-**
3 **CEPTING ALIEN.**

4 Section 243(d) of the Immigration and Nationality
5 Act (8 U.S.C. 1253(d)) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “Attorney General” each place
7 it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Se-
8 curity”;

9 (2) by striking “On being” and inserting “(1)
10 INDIVIDUAL VIOLATION—On being”; and

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

12 “(2) AGGREGATE VIOLATIONS.—

13 “(A) 10 OR MORE VIOLATIONS.—

14 “(i) DUTIES OF SECRETARY OF
15 HOMELAND SECURITY.—If the Secretary of
16 Homeland Security determines that 10 or
17 more citizens, subjects, nationals, or resi-
18 dents of a foreign country are present in
19 the United States, with respect to whom
20 the foreign country has denied or unrea-
21 sonably delayed accepting after being
22 asked to accept such aliens by the Sec-
23 retary of Homeland Security under this
24 section, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
25 rity shall notify the Secretary of State.

1 “(ii) DUTIES OF SECRETARY OF
2 STATE.—The Secretary of State shall, not
3 later than 30 days after being notified
4 under clause (i), order consular officers in
5 that foreign country to discontinue grant-
6 ing immigrant visas or nonimmigrant
7 visas, or both, to citizens, subjects, nation-
8 als, and residents of that country until the
9 Secretary of Homeland Security notifies
10 the Secretary of State that the country has
11 accepted all such citizens, subjects, nation-
12 als, and residents.

13 “(B) 2,000 OR MORE VIOLATIONS.—

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16 Homeland Security determines that 2,000
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8 jects, nationals, and residents of that coun-
9 try until the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
10 rity notifies the Secretary of State that the
11 country has accepted not less than half of
12 such aliens, and has demonstrated a reli-
13 able and repeated process to ensure that
14 the country will not deny or unreasonably
15 delay accepting its citizens, subjects, na-
16 tionals, and residents after being asked to
17 accept such an alien by the Secretary of
18 Homeland Security under this section.”.

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