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To establish a new ground for inadmissibility for close relatives of foreign terrorists.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. COTTON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To establish a new ground for inadmissibility for close relatives of foreign terrorists.

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 “No Safe Haven for
5 Terrorist Families Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The United States has a sovereign right
9 and duty to protect its national security by denying
10 safe haven to individuals whose close family ties to

1 enemies of the United States create unacceptable
2 risks.

3 (2) Current inadmissibility provisions related to
4 terrorism are too narrow and discretionary to sys-
5 tematically evaluate the inadmissibility of—

6 (A) family members of designated terror-
7 ists;

8 (B) senior officials of state sponsors of ter-
9 rorism and other foreign adversaries; and

10 (C) sanctioned kleptocrats.

11 (3) Close family members of active threats
12 often share access to networks, resources, and influ-
13 ence that can harm the United States.

14 (4) Providing visas, lawful permanent residence,
15 or other immigration benefits to close relatives of in-
16 dividuals referred to in paragraph (2) undermines
17 our national security and emboldens our foreign ad-
18 versaries.

19 **SEC. 3. INADMISSIBILITY AND DEPORTABILITY OF COV-**
20 **ERED FAMILY MEMBERS OF COVERED FOR-**
21 **EIGN THREAT ACTORS.**

22 (a) INADMISSIBILITY.—Section 212(a) of the Immi-
23 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)) is amend-
24 ed—

1 (1) in paragraph (3)(B), by adding at the end
 2 the following: “This subparagraph may not be con-
 3 strued to limit the application of paragraph (11)”;
 4 and

5 (2) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(11) COVERED FAMILY MEMBERS OF COVERED
 7 FOREIGN THREAT ACTORS.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any alien who is a
 9 covered family member of a covered foreign
 10 threat actor is inadmissible.

11 “(B) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

12 “(i) COVERED FAMILY MEMBER.—The
 13 term ‘covered family member’ means any
 14 alien who is—

15 “(I) the spouse or former spouse
 16 of a covered foreign threat actor;

17 “(II) a parent or parent-in-law of
 18 a covered foreign threat actor;

19 “(III) a child or stepchild of a
 20 covered foreign threat actor (whether
 21 or not such relationship is current);

22 “(IV) a sibling (including a half-
 23 blood sibling) of a covered foreign
 24 threat actor;

1 “(V) a grandparent or grandchild
2 of a covered foreign threat actor; or

3 “(VI) a niece or nephew of a cov-
4 ered foreign threat actor.

5 “(ii) COVERED FOREIGN THREAT
6 ACTOR.—The term ‘covered foreign threat
7 actor’ means any individual who—

8 “(I) is or was designated as a
9 Specially Designated Global Terrorist
10 under Executive Order 13224 (50
11 U.S.C. 1701 note; relating to blocking
12 property and prohibiting transactions
13 with persons who commit, threaten to
14 commit, or support terrorism) or any
15 successor authority;

16 “(II) is or was a senior leader or
17 official (at the director level or higher)
18 of a foreign terrorist organization so
19 designated under section 219(a);

20 “(III) is or was a senior official
21 (at the deputy minister level or high-
22 er, or equivalent) of the government
23 of—

24 “(aa) a state sponsor of ter-
25 rorism so designated under sec-

tion 1754(c) of the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4813(c)) or any successor provision; or

“(bb) any country that is a foreign adversary (as defined in section 8(c) of the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C. 1607(c)), including the Islamic Republic of Iran, the People’s Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, and the Republic of Cuba; or

“(IV) is or was sanctioned under the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act (22 U.S.C. 10101 et seq.), the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), or any other Federal law for significant corruption, kleptocracy, or human rights abuses directly tied to a hostile foreign government or regime.

1 “(C) RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.—This
 2 paragraph shall apply to any alien regardless of
 3 when the family relationship was formed or
 4 when the covered foreign threat actor was so
 5 designated.”.

6 (b) DEPORTABILITY.—Section 237(a) of the Immi-
 7 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)) is amend-
 8 ed by adding at the end the following:

9 “(8) COVERED FAMILY MEMBERS OF COVERED
 10 FOREIGN THREAT ACTORS.—Any alien described in
 11 section 212(a)(11)(A) is deportable.”.

12 **SEC. 4. MANDATORY VISA REVOCATION AND REMOVAL.**

13 (a) VISA REVOCATION.—Section 221(i) of the Immi-
 14 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1201(i)) is amended
 15 by adding at the end the following: “The Secretary of
 16 State shall revoke any visa or other documentation pre-
 17 viously issued to any alien who is inadmissible under sec-
 18 tion 212(a)(11) not later than 30 days after such alien’s
 19 inadmissibility has been determined.”.

20 (b) REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.—Any alien within the
 21 United States who is inadmissible under section
 22 212(a)(11) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as
 23 added by section 3, shall be subject to removal proceedings
 24 in accordance with section 240 of such Act (8 U.S.C.

1 1229a). The Secretary of Homeland Security shall
2 prioritize the removal of all such aliens.

3 (c) NO DISCRETIONARY RELIEF.—Aliens who are in-
4 admissible under section 212(a)(11) of the Immigration
5 and Nationality Act, as added by section 3, are not eligible
6 for cancellation of removal, adjustment of status, or any
7 other form of discretionary relief from removal, except as
8 expressly provided in this Act.

9 **SEC. 5. IMPLEMENTATION AND REPORTING.**

10 (a) SCREENING REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than
11 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
12 Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
13 rity shall implement enhanced screening procedures to
14 identify covered family relationships using all available in-
15 telligence, law enforcement, and sanctions databases.

16 (b) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after
17 the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually there-
18 after, the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation
19 with the Secretary of State, shall submit a report to the
20 appropriate congressional committees that includes, with
21 respect to the reporting period—

22 (1) the number of aliens who were determined
23 to be inadmissible under section 212(a)(11) of the
24 Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by sec-
25 tion 3;

1 (2) the number of visas issued to aliens de-
2 scribed in paragraph (1) that were revoked;

3 (3) the number of removals of aliens described
4 in paragraph (1) that were carried out; and

5 (4) a summary of any waivers granted to aliens
6 described in paragraph (1), including a justification
7 for each such waiver.

8 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

9 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
10 as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

11 **SEC. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

12 This Act shall—

13 (1) take effect on the date of the enactment of
14 this Act; and

15 (2) apply to—

16 (A) all applications for visas, admissions,
17 and adjustments of status pending on or after
18 such date; and

19 (B) all aliens who were previously admitted
20 to the United States or granted lawful status in
21 the United States.

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