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Requesting information on the Republic of Panama's human rights practices pursuant to section 502B(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 2025

Mr. KAINE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON PANAMA'S**
3 **HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES.**

4 (a) STATEMENT REQUESTED.—The Senate requests
5 that the Secretary of State, not later than 30 days after
6 the date of the adoption of this resolution, submit to the
7 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the
8 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representa-
9 tives, pursuant to section 502B(c) of the Foreign Assist-
10 ance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2304(c)), a statement re-

1 guarding Panama's human rights practices that has been
2 prepared in collaboration with the Assistant Secretary of
3 State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor and the
4 Office of the Legal Adviser at the Department of State.

5 (b) ELEMENTS.—The statement submitted pursuant
6 to subsection (a) should include—

7 (1) all available credible information concerning
8 alleged violations of internationally recognized
9 human rights by the Government of Panama, includ-
10 ing—

11 (A) arbitrary and unlawful arrest, deten-
12 tion, imprisonment, torture and cruel or inhu-
13 mane treatment, including of people who are
14 not citizens of Panama but have been removed
15 to Panama by the United States Government;

16 (B) violations of due process rights, includ-
17 ing a description of any opportunity provided to
18 people who are not citizens of Panama but have
19 been removed to Panama by the United States
20 Government to demonstrate that they have been
21 wrongfully arrested, detained, or imprisoned;

22 (C) enforced disappearances and arbitrary
23 or unlawful killings, including extrajudicial
24 killings, including of people who are not citizens

1 of Panama but have been removed to Panama
2 by the United States Government;

3 (D) trafficking in persons, including forced
4 or slave labor, including of people who are not
5 citizens of Panama but have been removed to
6 Panama by the United States Government; and

7 (E) treatment of and legal rights and sta-
8 tus provided by the Government of Panama to
9 people in Panama who are not citizens of Pan-
10 ama but have been removed to Panama by the
11 United States Government;

12 (2) a description of the steps the United States
13 Government has taken—

14 (A) to promote respect for and observance
15 of human rights as part of the Government of
16 Panama's activities;

17 (B) to discourage any practices that are
18 inimical to internationally recognized human
19 rights;

20 (C) to publicly or privately call attention
21 to, and disassociate the United States and any
22 security assistance provided for the Government
23 of Panama from, any practices described in
24 subparagraph (B); and

1 (D) to assess, prior to removal, how the
2 Government of Panama would treat people who
3 are not citizens of Panama but have been re-
4 moved to Panama by the United States Govern-
5 ment, including—

6 (i) conducting individualized assess-
7 ments of such individuals to determine
8 whether the Government of Panama may
9 send that person to their country of origin
10 or last residence, and if so, whether the
11 Government of Panama would provide
12 them with meaningful opportunity before
13 their removal to show that they may be
14 persecuted, tortured, or otherwise harmed;
15 and

16 (ii) ensuring that the Government of
17 Panama would provide such individuals
18 with legal immigration status, should they
19 wish to remain in Panama, and would be
20 treated humanely; and

21 (3) other information, including—

22 (A) an assessment from the Secretary of
23 State of the likelihood that United States secu-
24 rity assistance (as defined in section 502B(d) of
25 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.

1 2304(d))) provided to Panama could be used in
2 support of activities by government officials re-
3 lated to the rendition, trafficking, detention, or
4 imprisonment of people who are not citizens of
5 Panama but have been removed to Panama by
6 the United States Government;

7 (B) any analysis conducted by the United
8 States Government of the conditions to be faced
9 in Panama by people who are not citizens of
10 Panama but have been removed to Panama by
11 the United States Government, prior to the ren-
12 dition, removal, trafficking, detention, or im-
13 prisonment of such individuals to Panama;

14 (C) an assessment from the Secretary of
15 State of the conditions in any detention centers
16 or prisons in Panama that may hold people who
17 are not citizens of Panama but have been re-
18 moved to Panama by the United States Govern-
19 ment, including an assessment of allegations of
20 torture and other gross violations of human
21 rights;

22 (D) a description of any actions that the
23 United States Government is taking to ensure
24 that the Government of Panama returns people
25 who are not citizens of Panama but have been

1 removed to Panama by the United States Gov-
2 ernment, in compliance with United States
3 court orders regarding their return to the
4 United States;

5 (E) a description of any actions that the
6 United States Government is taking to address
7 the risk of detention, torture, or forced dis-
8 appearances of people who are not citizens of
9 Panama but have been removed to Panama by
10 the United States Government, or efforts to fa-
11 cilitate the detention, torture, or forced dis-
12 appearances of such people;

13 (F) a description of any actions the United
14 States Government is taking to protect people
15 who are not citizens of Panama but are within
16 the United States jurisdiction or effective con-
17 trol from unlawful rendering, trafficking, or
18 other means of removal to Panama;

19 (G) all information regarding any agree-
20 ment or financial transaction between the
21 United States Government and the Government
22 of Panama related to the rendition, removal,
23 trafficking, detention, or imprisonment of indi-
24 viduals who are not citizens of Panama but

1 have been removed to Panama by the United
2 States Government;

3 (H) all information regarding any individ-
4 uals sent to Panama by the United States Gov-
5 ernment in 2025;

6 (I) a description of any actions that the
7 United States Government is taking to facilitate
8 the release or return of people who are not citi-
9 zens of Panama but have been wrongfully re-
10 moved to Panama by the United States Govern-
11 ment;

12 (J) all information regarding any assur-
13 ances the United States Government sought or
14 received regarding the treatment of people who
15 are not citizens of Panama but have been re-
16 moved to Panama by the United States Govern-
17 ment, prior to the rendition, removal, or traf-
18 ficking of such individuals to Panama;

19 (K) all information regarding assurances
20 the United States Government sought or re-
21 ceived regarding the further rendition, traf-
22 ficking, removal, or transfer of people who are
23 not citizens of Panama but have been removed
24 to Panama by the United States Government to
25 countries that are not Panama, including the

1 human rights conditions for such individuals in
2 those countries; and

3 (L) a summary of all meetings in 2025 be-
4 tween Government of Panama officials and
5 Washington-based officials of the United States
6 Government.

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