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To amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign programs and centers for the treatment of victims of torture, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 14, 2005

Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. DAYTON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mrs. BOXER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 “Torture Victims Relief
5 Reauthorization Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

7 It is the policy of the United States—

(1) to ensure that, in its support abroad for programs and centers for the treatment of victims of torture, particular incentives and support should be given to establishing and supporting such programs and centers in emerging democracies, in post-conflict environments, and, with a view to providing services to refugees and internally displaced persons, in areas as close to ongoing conflict as safely as possible; and

(2) to ensure that, in its support for domestic programs and centers for the treatment of victims of torture, particular attention should be given to regions with significant immigrant or refugee populations.

SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR DOMESTIC TREATMENT CENTERS FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE.

Section 5(b)(1) of the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 2152 note) is amended to read as follows:

“(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated for the Department of Health and Human Services for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, there are authorized to be appropriated to carry out subsection (a) \$25,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2006 and 2007.”.

1 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FOR-**
 2 **EIGN TREATMENT CENTERS FOR VICTIMS OF**
 3 **TORTURE.**

4 Section 4(b)(1) of the Torture Victims Relief Act of
 5 1998 (22 U.S.C. 2152 note) is amended to read as follows:

6 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of
 7 the amounts authorized to be appropriated for fiscal
 8 years 2006 and 2007 pursuant to chapter 1 of part
 9 I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
 10 2151 et seq.), there are authorized to be appro-
 11 priated to the President to carry out section 130 of
 12 such Act (22 U.S.C. 2152) \$12,000,000 for fiscal
 13 year 2006 and \$13,000,000 for fiscal year 2007.”.

14 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE**
 15 **UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTION TO THE**
 16 **UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTARY FUND FOR**
 17 **VICTIMS OF TORTURE.**

18 Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated for fis-
 19 cal years 2006 and 2007 pursuant to chapter 3 of part
 20 I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2221
 21 et seq.), there are authorized to be appropriated to the
 22 President for a voluntary contribution to the United Na-
 23 tions Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture \$7,000,000
 24 for fiscal year 2006 and \$8,000,000 for fiscal year 2007.

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