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S. 3138

To promote documentary films that convey a diversity of views about life in the United States and bring insightful foreign perspectives to United States audiences.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 18, 2010

Mr. CARDIN 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 “International Docu-
5 mentary Exchange Act of 2010”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTARY EX-**
7 **CHANGE PROGRAMS.**

8 (a) ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary of State may award
9 grants, on such terms and conditions as the Secretary may

1 determine, to United States film makers and nongovern-
2 mental organizations that use independently produced
3 documentary films to promote better understanding of—

4 (1) the United States among individuals in
5 other countries; and

6 (2) global perspectives and other countries
7 among individuals in the United States.

8 (b) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—Grants awarded under
9 subsection (a) shall, to the maximum extent practicable,
10 be used to fund, distribute, and promote documentary
11 films that—

12 (1) convey a diversity of views about life in the
13 United States to foreign audiences; and

14 (2) bring insightful foreign perspectives to
15 United States audiences.

16 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of the
17 amounts authorized to be appropriated for the Bureau of
18 Education Exchanges (ECA) of the Department of State
19 for public diplomacy programs, there is authorized to be
20 appropriated to the Secretary of State such sums as may
21 be necessary for each of fiscal years 2010 and 2011 to
22 carry out this section.

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