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# S. 3503

To authorize grants for an international documentary exchange program.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CARDIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred  
to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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## A BILL

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exchange program.

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  
10      determine, to United States film makers and nongovern-  
11      mental organizations that use independently produced

1 documentary films to promote better understanding of the  
2 United States among individuals in other countries.

3 (b) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—Grants awarded under  
4 subsection (a) shall, to the maximum extent practicable,  
5 be used—

6 (1) to fund, distribute, and promote documen-  
7 tary films that convey a diversity of views about life  
8 in the United States to foreign audiences;

9 (2) to support the production of documentaries  
10 described in paragraph (1) that are made by inde-  
11 pendent foreign and domestic producers, selected  
12 through a peer review process; and

13 (3) to develop a network of overseas partners to  
14 produce, distribute, and broadcast such documen-  
15 taries according to the allowable rights of each pro-  
16 gram.

17 (c) PREFERENCE FACTORS.—In awarding grants  
18 under this section, the Secretary shall give preference to  
19 nongovernmental organizations that—

20 (1) are as cost effective as possible; and

21 (2) have experience supporting independently  
22 produced documentary films.

23 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date  
24 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit

1 a report to Congress that describes in detail the implemen-  
2 tation of this section.

3 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
4 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of State  
5 such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years  
6 2010 and 2011 to carry out this section.

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