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H. R. 5607

To establish the United States Advisory Council on Human Trafficking to review Federal Government policy on human trafficking.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HONDA (for himself, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. BASS, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Ms. MCCOLLUM) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To establish the United States Advisory Council on Human Trafficking to review Federal Government policy on human trafficking.

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 “Voices of Human Traf-
5 ficking Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. UNITED STATES ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HUMAN**
2 **TRAFFICKING.**

3 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established the
4 United States Advisory Council on Human Trafficking
5 (referred to in this section as the “Council”), which shall
6 provide advice and recommendations to the Senior Policy
7 Operating Group (referred to in this section as the
8 “Group”) and the President’s Task Force to Monitor and
9 Combat Trafficking in Persons.

10 (b) **MEMBERSHIP.**—

11 (1) **COMPOSITION.**—The Council shall be com-
12 posed of not fewer than 8 individuals who are—

13 (A) survivors of human trafficking; or

14 (B) nongovernmental experts or profes-
15 sionals in the human trafficking field.

16 (2) **EQUAL REPRESENTATION.**—To the extent
17 practicable, the Council be comprised of an equal
18 number of survivors and nongovernmental experts.

19 (3) **APPOINTMENT.**—Not later than 180 days
20 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
21 President shall appoint the members of the Council.

22 (4) **TERM; REAPPOINTMENT.**—Council members
23 shall serve for terms of 2 years and may be re-
24 appointed by the President to serve additional 2-year
25 terms.

26 (c) **FUNCTIONS.**—The Council shall—

1 (1) be a nongovernmental advisory body to the
2 Group;

3 (2) meet, at its own discretion, not less fre-
4 quently than annually or at the request of the Group
5 to review Federal, State, and local government policy
6 and programs intended to combat human traf-
7 ficking, including programs related to the provision
8 of services for victims;

9 (3) formulate assessments and recommenda-
10 tions to ensure that United States policy and pro-
11 gramming efforts conform, to the extent practicable,
12 to the best practices in the field of human traf-
13 ficking prevention; and

14 (4) meet with the Group not less frequently
15 than annually to formally present the Council's find-
16 ings and recommendations.

17 (d) REPORTS.—Every year beginning after the date
18 of the enactment of this Act, the Council shall submit a
19 report to the chair of the President's Interagency Task
20 Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking that contains
21 the findings derived from the reviews conducted pursuant
22 to subsection (c)(2).

23 (e) EMPLOYEE STATUS.—Members of the Council—

24 (1) shall not be considered employees of the
25 United States Government for any purpose; and

1 (2) shall not receive compensation other than
2 reimbursement of travel expenses and per diem al-
3 lowance in accordance with section 5703 of title 5,
4 United States Code.

5 (f) NONAPPLICABILITY OF FACA.—The Council
6 shall not be subject to the requirements under the Federal
7 Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

8 **SEC. 3. SUNSET.**

9 This section shall cease to be effective on September
10 30, 2020.

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