

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7008

To amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to modify the Trafficking in Persons report to include research on the relationship between human trafficking and skewed sex ratios in national or sub-national populations in which there is evidence of sex-selective practices, including, but not limited to, infanticide, gender-biased neglect, or other forms of gender-based violence or discrimination.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

Mrs. WAGNER (for herself and Ms. BASS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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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 “Stop Gendercide Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress makes the following findings:

3 (1) Women and girls possess the same funda-
4 mental human rights and civil rights as men and are
5 essential to the formation of stable, peaceful soci-
6 eties. Violence against women and girls, reinforced
7 by and rooted in the social and cultural devaluation
8 of women and girls, has skewed sex ratios in many
9 parts of the world.

10 (2) Approximately 126,000,000 women and
11 girls are missing from the world population due to
12 systematic gender-based violence, according to the
13 United Nations Population Fund, which constitutes
14 an egregious example of genocide.

15 (3) Since genocide is a relatively recent phe-
16 nomenon, the implications of the crisis have yet to
17 fully reverberate through affected countries. But it
18 is already clear that increased instances of human
19 trafficking, sexual violence, and child marriage are
20 linked to genocide.

21 (4) Statistics published biennially in the United
22 Nations Population Division's World Population
23 Prospects indicate that skewed sex ratios at birth
24 will persist for decades, even after they reach an
25 apex in certain countries. This may be driving sig-
26 nificant changes in human trafficking patterns in af-

1 fected regions. Because the dynamics of gendercide
2 and its relationship to human trafficking are poorly
3 understood, governments, international institutions,
4 and civil society organizations are not prepared to
5 adequately prevent and respond to human traf-
6 ficking crimes.

7 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

8 It is the sense of Congress that—

9 (1) the lack of research on the relationship be-
10 tween gendercide and human trafficking undermines
11 national and international response mechanisms crit-
12 ical to preventing exploitation of women and girls;
13 and

14 (2) efforts to end human trafficking, including
15 by addressing root causes such as gender-based dis-
16 crimination against women and girls, should be
17 prioritized.

18 **SEC. 4. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

19 It is the policy of the United States to—

20 (1) work to end gendercide and prevent human
21 trafficking, child marriage, and sexual violence;

22 (2) partner with and encourage other countries
23 to implement policies, or revise existing policies, to
24 mitigate root causes of gendercide; and

1 (3) incorporate into the design, implementation,
2 and evaluation of United States anti-trafficking poli-
3 cies and programs measures to respond to global
4 gendercide.

5 **SEC. 5. MODIFICATION OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS RE-**
6 **PORT.**

7 Section 110(b)(1)(F) of the Trafficking Victims Pro-
8 tection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7107(b)(1)(F)) is amended
9 by inserting before the semicolon the following: “, includ-
10 ing the relationship between human trafficking and
11 skewed sex ratios in national or subnational populations
12 in which there is evidence of sex-selective practices, includ-
13 ing, but not limited to, infanticide, gender-biased neglect,
14 or other forms of gender-based violence or discrimination,
15 using sources that include statistics from the United
16 States Census Bureau’s International Data Base and the
17 United Nations Population Division’s World Population
18 Prospects”.

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