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S. 676

To prohibit assistance to foreign governments that violate human rights
with respect to religious freedom.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 20, 2025

Mr. PAUL 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 “Stop Funding Reli-
5 giously Oppressive Regimes Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. IDENTIFICATION OF COUNTRIES WITH LAWS IM-**
7 **POSING SEVERE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR**
8 **APOSTASY, BLASPHEMY, OR INTERFAITH.**

9 Not later than 120 days after the date of the enact-
10 ment of this Act, the President shall submit a report to

1 the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and
2 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
3 resentatives that lists each foreign government that the
4 President determines, based on credible information, im-
5 poses a death sentence or life imprisonment on the basis
6 of—

- 7 (1) anti-apostasy laws that explicitly prohibit
- 8 disaffiliation from a particular religion;
- 9 (2) anti-blasphemy laws; or
- 10 (3) laws prohibiting marriage between individ-
- 11 uals of different religious faiths.

12 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON ASSISTANCE TO FOREIGN GOV-**
13 **ERNMENTS THAT VIOLATE HUMAN RIGHTS**
14 **WITH RESPECT TO RELIGION.**

15 The United States Government is prohibited from ob-
16 ligating or expending any Federal funds to provide assist-
17 ance to the government of any country identified in the
18 report submitted by the President pursuant to section 2.

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