

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4038**

**OFFERED BY MR. PITTS OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Page 2, line 14, insert after “of the United States.” the following: “Any such background investigation that pertains to an especially vulnerable alien shall be completed prior to other background investigations.”.

Page 2, line 22, insert after “of the United States.” the following: “Any such certification that pertains to an especially vulnerable alien shall be completed prior to other certifications.”.

Page 5, insert after line 2 the following:

- 1           (3) ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE ALIEN.—The  
2           term “especially vulnerable alien” means—  
3           (A) any alien who is a member of per-  
4           secuted religious or ethnic minority community;  
5           (B) any alien who was employed by or who  
6           worked directly for or with the United States  
7           government in Iraq or Syria;  
8           (C) any alien who was employed in Iraq or  
9           Syria by—  
10           (i) a media or nongovernmental orga-  
11           nization based in the United States; or

1                   (ii) an organization or entity that has  
2                   received a grant from or entered into a co-  
3                   operative agreement or contract with the  
4                   United States government;

5                   (D) any victim of torture or sexual abuse;

6                   or

7                   (E) the spouse, son, daughter, sibling, or  
8                   parent of any alien described in subparagraph  
9                   (A), (B), (C), or (D).

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