Amendment to
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Offered by Mr. Bera of California

Add at the end of subtitle B of title XII the following:

SEC. 12. Joint report on using the synchronized predeployment and operational tracker (SPOT) database to verify Afghan SIV applicant information.

(a) In General.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State shall submit to appropriate congressional committees a joint report on the use of the Department of Defense Synchronized Predeployment and Operational Tracker database (in this section referred to as the “SPOT database”) to verify the existence of Department of Defense contracts and Afghan biographic data for Afghan special immigrant visa applicants.

(b) Elements of Joint Report.—The joint report required under subsection (a) shall—

(1) evaluate the improvements in the special immigrant visa process following the use of the
SPOT database to verify special immigrant visa applications, including the extent to which use of SPOT expedited special immigrant visa processing, reduced the risk of fraudulent documents, and the extent to which the SPOT database could be used for future special immigrant visa programs;

(2) identify obstacles that persisted in documenting the identity and employment of locally employed staff and contractors after the use of the SPOT database in the special immigrant visa process; and

(3) recommend best practices from the SPOT database that could be used to implement a centralized interagency database of information related to personnel conducting work on executive agency contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements that can be used to adjudicate special immigrant visas.

(c) CONSULTATION.—For the purposes of preparing the joint report required under this section, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State shall consult with the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development and the Secretary of Homeland Security.

(d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-
gressional committees” means the Committees on Armed
Services of the Senate and House of Representatives, the
Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, and the
Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representa-
tives.