

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 119-33**

**OFFERED BY MR. BERA OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of subtitle B of title XVII of division A,  
add the following:

1 **SEC. 17\_\_ . REPORT ON AFGHAN SPECIAL IMMIGRANT VISA**  
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
4 gress that—

5 (1) the United States should make every effort  
6 to honor the contributions of, and continue efforts to  
7 protect and support, Afghan allies who face threats  
8 as a result of their association with the United  
9 States;

10 (2) the Department of State’s 2024 Country  
11 Reports on Human Rights Practices noted that in  
12 Afghanistan: “There were numerous reports Taliban  
13 and ISIS-K members committed arbitrary and un-  
14 lawful killings, many as retaliation against officials  
15 associated with the pre-August 2021 government.”;

16 (3) the United States should authorize suffi-  
17 cient Special Immigrant Visas (SIVs) to ensure that  
18 Afghan allies who supported the U.S. mission in Af-

1 ghanistan are afforded a pathway to safety and pro-  
2 tection; and

3 (4) any decision to suspend or delay the deci-  
4 sion-making process on applications for refugee sta-  
5 tus undermines U.S. efforts to bring Afghan allies to  
6 safety and is inconsistent with U.S. commitments.

7 (b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the  
8 United States to—

9 (1) continue to support Afghan allies and their  
10 immediate family members through the Afghan Spe-  
11 cial Immigrant Visa program under the Afghan Al-  
12 lies Protection Act of 2009, the Priority 2 (P-2) ref-  
13 ugee resettlement program, and other lawful avenues  
14 including Humanitarian Parole;

15 (2) ensure sufficient resources and personnel  
16 are dedicated to processing visas available under  
17 such program and P-2 cases in a timely and efficient  
18 manner; and

19 (3) avoid suspension or unnecessary delays in  
20 refugee and processing of visas available under such  
21 program for Afghan nationals who meet eligibility  
22 criteria.

23 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
24 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall  
25 submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Com-

1 mittee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives  
2 and the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Com-  
3 mittee on the Judiciary of the Senate a report that—

4 (1) details the frequency for the use of any  
5 waiver authority under the Executive Order titled  
6 “Realigning the United States Refugee Admissions  
7 Program” to resettle Afghan nationals;

8 (2) includes the number of Afghan nationals  
9 processed under the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa  
10 program under the Afghan Allies Protection Act of  
11 2009 and the P-2 program since the date of publica-  
12 tion of the Executive Order;

13 (3) the impact reductions in force and interrup-  
14 tions in hiring new Foreign Service generalist classes  
15 have had on the timeliness of processing visas and  
16 waivers under the Executive Order;

17 (4) includes the total number of visas available  
18 under such program, as well as the total number of  
19 applications for such visas that are pending or in  
20 process; and

21 (5) the number of Afghans still present at  
22 Camp As Sayliah in Qatar, and other “lily pads” es-  
23 tablished to support Operation Enduring Welcome  
24 and how the Department intends to adjudicate their

- 1 eligibility for relocation to the United States or a
- 2 safe third country.

