

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-

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At the end of subtitle G of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. __. AMENDMENTS TO ANNUAL COUNTRY REPORTS ON**
2 **HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES.**

3 The Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 is amended as
4 follows:

5 (1) In section 116 (22 U.S.C. 2151n), by adding
6 at the end the following:

7 “(h) STATUS OF EXCESSIVE SURVEILLANCE AND
8 USE OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The report required by
10 subsection (d) shall include, wherever applicable, a
11 description of the status of surveillance and use of
12 advanced technology to impose arbitrary or unlawful
13 interference with privacy, or unlawful or unnecessary
14 restrictions on freedoms of expression, peaceful assembly,
15 association, or other internationally recognized human rights
16 in each country, including—

1 “(A) whether the government of such
2 country has adopted and is enforcing laws, reg-
3 ulations, policies, or practices relating to—

4 “(i) government surveillance or cen-
5 sorship, including through facial recogni-
6 tion, biometric data collection, internet and
7 social media controls, sensors, spyware
8 data analytics, non-cooperative location
9 tracking, recording devices, or other simi-
10 lar advanced technologies, and any allega-
11 tions or reports that this surveillance or
12 censorship was unreasonable;

13 “(ii) searches or seizures of individual
14 or private institution data without inde-
15 pendent judicial authorization or oversight;
16 and

17 “(iii) surveillance of any group based
18 on political views, religious beliefs, eth-
19 nicity, or other protected category, in viola-
20 tion of equal protection rights;

21 “(B) whether such country has imported
22 or unlawfully obtained biometric or facial rec-
23 ognition data from other countries or entities
24 and, if applicable, from whom; and

1 “(C) whether the government agency end-
2 user has targeted individuals, including through
3 the use of technology, in retaliation for the ex-
4 ercise of their human rights or on discrimina-
5 tory grounds prohibited by international law,
6 including targeting journalists or members of
7 minority groups.

8 “(2) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
9 ‘internet and social media controls’ means the arbi-
10 trary or unlawful imposition of restrictions, by state
11 or service providers, on internet and digital informa-
12 tion and communication, such as through the block-
13 ing or filtering of websites, social media platforms,
14 and communication applications, the deletion of con-
15 tent and social media posts, or the penalization of
16 online speech, in a manner that violates rights to
17 free expression or assembly.”.

18 (2) In section 502B(b) (22 U.S.C. 2304(b))—

19 (A) by redesignating the second subsection

20 (i) (as added by section 1207(b)(2) of Public
21 Law 113–4) as subsection (j); and

22 (B) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(k) STATUS OF EXCESSIVE SURVEILLANCE AND
24 USE OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY.—The report required
25 under subsection (b) shall include, wherever applicable, a

1 description of the status of excessive surveillance and use
2 of advanced technology to restrict human rights, including
3 the descriptions of such policies or practices required
4 under section 116(h).”.

