AMENDMENT TO H.R. 6136
OFFERED BY MR. MOOLENAAR OF MICHIGAN

At the end of division B, add the following:

TITLE VI—IRAQI REFUGEES

SEC. 6101. UNITED STATES REFUGEE PROGRAM PROCESSING PRIORITIES.

(a) CLASSIFICATION OF IRAQI RELIGIOUS MINORITIES.—Iraqi nationals who are religious minorities in their country of origin (as described in section 599D(b)(1)(D) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1990) (Public Law 101–167; 8 U.S.C. 1157 note)—

(1) shall be classified as refugees of special humanitarian concern;

(2) shall be eligible for Priority 2 processing under the refugee resettlement priority system; and

(3) may apply directly to the United States Refugee Admissions Program for admission to the United States.

(b) PROCESSING MECHANISMS.—The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall establish or use existing refugee processing mechanisms in countries in which individuals described in
subsection (a) are residing to provide such individuals with
the opportunity to apply and interview for admission to
the United States as refugees.

SEC. 6102. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW CATEGORY OF REF-
UGEE OF SPECIAL HUMANITARIAN CONCERN.

Section 599D of the Foreign Operations, Export Fi-
nancing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1990
(Public Law 101–167; 8 U.S.C. 1157 note) is amended—
(1) in subsection (b)(1)—
(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking
“and” at the end;
(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking the
period at the end and inserting “; and”; and
(C) by adding at the end the following:
“(D) one or more categories of aliens
who—
“(i) are or were nationals and resi-
dents of Iraq;
“(ii) as members of a religious minor-
ity in Iraq, share common characteristics
that identify them as targets of persecu-
tion in that state on account of religion,
creed, or ethnicity; and
“(iii) have been underrepresented in
the United States refugee resettlement
program during the 5-year period ending on September 30, 2017, when compared to their representation in the Iraqi population as a whole.”; and

(2) in subsection (e)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “Subsections (a) and (b)” and inserting “Except as provided in paragraph (4), subsections (a) and (b)”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(4) An alien described in subsection (b)(1)(D) may establish a well-founded fear of persecution under subsection (a) by asserting such fear in an application for admission as a refugee under section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1157) that is filed during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this section and ending on September 30, 2022.”.