Page 9, after line 21, insert the following:

(__) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—A covered individual shall not be subject to sanctions under this section if the President certifies to the appropriate congressional committees, in accordance with clause (ii), that such individual has a reasonable fear of persecution based on—

(I) actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or sex characteristics;

(II) race, religion, or nationality;

or

(III) political opinion or membership in a particular social group.

(ii) DETERMINATION AND CERTIFICATION.—A certification under clause (i) shall be made not later than 30 days after the date of the determination required by
such clause. Any proceedings relating to such determination shall not be publicly available.

(iii) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—For purposes of this subparagraph, the term “covered individual” means an individual who is an immediate family member of foreign person on the list required by subsection (a).