

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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OFFERED BY MR. SCHIFF OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of title LVIII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 58 ____ . SECRETARY OF STATE ASSISTANCE FOR PRIS-**
2 **ONERS IN ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN.**

3 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
4 United States that—

5 (1) the Islamic Republic of Iran should allow
6 the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situa-
7 tion of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran
8 unimpeded access to facilitate the full implementa-
9 tion of the mandate of the United Nations Special
10 Rapporteur, including—

11 (A) investigating alleged violations of
12 human rights that are occurring or have oc-
13 curred both within prisons and elsewhere;

14 (B) transmitting urgent appeals and let-
15 ters to the Islamic Republic of Iran regarding
16 alleged violations of human rights; and

17 (C) engaging with relevant stakeholders in
18 the Islamic Republic of Iran and the sur-
19 rounding region;

1 (2) the Islamic Republic of Iran should imme-
2 diately end violations of the human rights of political
3 prisoners or persons imprisoned for exercising the
4 right to freedom of speech, including—

5 (A) torture;

6 (B) denial of access to health care; and

7 (C) denial of a fair trial;

8 (3) all prisoners of conscience and political pris-
9 oners in the Islamic Republic of Iran should be un-
10 conditionally and immediately released;

11 (4) all diplomatic tools of the United States
12 should be invoked to ensure that all prisoners of
13 conscience and political prisoners in the Islamic Re-
14 public of Iran are released, including raising indi-
15 vidual cases of particular concern; and

16 (5) all officials of the government of the Islamic
17 Republic of Iran who are responsible for human
18 rights abuses in the form of politically motivated im-
19 prisonment should be held to account, including
20 through the imposition of sanctions pursuant to the
21 Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act
22 (22 U.S.C. 10101 et seq.) and other applicable stat-
23 utory authorities of the United States.

24 (b) ASSISTANCE FOR PRISONERS.—The Secretary of
25 State is authorized to continue to provide assistance to

1 civil society organizations that support prisoners of con-
2 science and political prisoners in the Islamic Republic of
3 Iran, including organizations that—

4 (1) work to secure the release of such prisoners;

5 (2) document violations of human rights with
6 respect to such prisoners;

7 (3) support international advocacy to raise
8 awareness of issues relating to such prisoners;

9 (4) support the health, including mental health,
10 of such prisoners; and

11 (5) provide post-incarceration assistance to en-
12 able such prisoners to resume normal lives, including
13 access to education, employment, or other forms of
14 reparation.

15 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) The term “political prisoner” means a per-
17 son who has been detained or imprisoned on politi-
18 cally motivated grounds and may include persons
19 that—

20 (A) have used violence;

21 (B) have advocated violence or hatred; or

22 (C) have committed a minor offense that
23 serves as a pretext for politically motivated im-
24 prisonment.

1 (2) The term “prisoner of conscience” means a
2 person who—

3 (A) is imprisoned or otherwise physically
4 restricted solely in response to the peaceful ex-
5 ercise of the human rights of such person; and

6 (B) has not used violence or advocated vio-
7 lence or hatred.

