

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 117-54**  
**OFFERED BY MRS. TORRES OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of title LVIII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 58\_\_.** **DEPARTMENT OF STATE FELLOWSHIPS FOR**  
2 **RULE OF LAW ACTIVITIES IN CENTRAL AMER-**  
3 **ICA.**

4 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary of State shall  
5 establish a fellowship program, to be known as the “Cen-  
6 tral American Network for Democracy”, to support a re-  
7 gional corps of civil society activists, lawyers (including  
8 members of the judiciary and prosecutors’ offices), jour-  
9 nalists, and investigators.

10 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—This fellowship program shall—  
11 (1) provide a temporary respite for members of  
12 the regional corps in a safe environment;  
13 (2) allow the members to continue to work via  
14 engagement with universities, think tanks, govern-  
15 ment actors, and international organizations; and  
16 (3) aid the members in leveraging lessons  
17 learned in order to contribute to regional democracy  
18 and rule of law activities in Central America, includ-  
19 ing electoral and transition support, institutional re-

1 form, anti-corruption investigations, and local en-  
2 gagement.

3 (c) REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT.—The  
4 Secretary of State shall take such steps as may be nec-  
5 essary—

6 (1) to obtain support for the fellowship program  
7 from international foundations, regional and United  
8 States governmental and nongovernmental organiza-  
9 tions, and regional and United States universities;  
10 and

11 (2) to ensure the fellowship program is well co-  
12 ordinated with and complementary of existing mech-  
13 anisms such as the Lifeline Embattled CSO Assist-  
14 ance Fund.

15 (d) FOCUS; SAFETY.—Activities carried out under  
16 the fellowship program—

17 (1) should focus on coordination and consulta-  
18 tion with key agencies and international bodies to  
19 continue their democracy efforts, including the De-  
20 partment of State, the United States Agency for  
21 International Development, the Organization of  
22 American States, the Inter-American Court for  
23 Human Rights, the United Nations, the Department  
24 of Justice, and the Department of the Treasury; and

1           (2) may include strengthened protection for the  
2           physical safety of individuals who must leave their  
3           home country to participate in the program, includ-  
4           ing assistance for temporary relocation, English lan-  
5           guage learning, and mental health support.

6           (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
7           are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
8           \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2023.

