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To transfer and limit Executive Branch authority to suspend or restrict  
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duced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security, and Intelligence (Permanent Select), for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To transfer and limit Executive Branch authority to suspend or restrict the entry of a class of aliens.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Origin-Based  
 5 Antidiscrimination for Nonimmigrants Act” or the “NO  
 6 BAN Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF NONDISCRIMINATION PROVISION.**

8 Section 202(a)(1)(A) of the Immigration and Nation-  
 9 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1152(a)(1)(A)) is amended—

10 (1) by inserting “or a nonimmigrant visa, ad-  
 11 mission or other entry into the United States, or the  
 12 approval or revocation of any immigration benefit”  
 13 after “immigrant visa”;

14 (2) by inserting “religion,” after “sex,”; and

15 (3) by inserting “, except if expressly required  
 16 by statute, or if a statutorily authorized benefit  
 17 takes into consideration such factors” before the pe-  
 18 riod at the end.

1 **SEC. 3. TRANSFER AND LIMITATIONS ON AUTHORITY TO**  
2 **SUSPEND OR RESTRICT THE ENTRY OF A**  
3 **CLASS OF ALIENS.**

4 Section 212(f) of the Immigration and Nationality  
5 Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(f)) is amended to read as follows:

6 “(f) **AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND OR RESTRICT THE**  
7 **ENTRY OF A CLASS OF ALIENS.—**

8 “(1) **IN GENERAL.—**Subject to paragraph (2),  
9 if the Secretary of State, in consultation with the  
10 Secretary of Homeland Security, determines, based  
11 on specific and credible facts, that the entry of any  
12 aliens or any class of aliens into the United States  
13 would undermine the security or public safety of the  
14 United States or the preservation of human rights,  
15 democratic processes or institutions, or international  
16 stability, the President may temporarily—

17 “(A) suspend the entry of such aliens or  
18 class of aliens as immigrants or nonimmigrants;  
19 or

20 “(B) impose any restrictions on the entry  
21 of such aliens that the President deems appro-  
22 priate.

23 “(2) **LIMITATIONS.—**In carrying out paragraph  
24 (1), the President, the Secretary of State, and the  
25 Secretary of Homeland Security shall—

1           “(A) only issue a suspension or restriction  
2           when required to address specific acts impli-  
3           cating a compelling government interest in a  
4           factor identified in paragraph (1);

5           “(B) narrowly tailor the suspension or re-  
6           striction, using the least restrictive means, to  
7           achieve such compelling government interest;

8           “(C) specify the duration of the suspension  
9           or restriction;

10          “(D) consider waivers to any class-based  
11          restriction or suspension and apply a rebuttable  
12          presumption in favor of granting family-based  
13          and humanitarian waivers; and

14          “(E) comply with all provisions of this Act.

15          “(3) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—

16          “(A) IN GENERAL.—Prior to the President  
17          exercising the authority under paragraph (1),  
18          the Secretary of State and the Secretary of  
19          Homeland Security shall consult Congress and  
20          provide Congress with specific evidence sup-  
21          porting the need for the suspension or restric-  
22          tion and its proposed duration.

23          “(B) BRIEFING AND REPORT.—Not later  
24          than 48 hours after the President exercises the  
25          authority under paragraph (1), the Secretary of

1 State and the Secretary of Homeland Security  
2 shall provide a briefing and submit a written re-  
3 port to Congress that describes—

4 “(i) the action taken pursuant to  
5 paragraph (1) and the specified objective  
6 of such action;

7 “(ii) the estimated number of individ-  
8 uals who will be impacted by such action;

9 “(iii) the constitutional and legislative  
10 authority under which such action took  
11 place; and

12 “(iv) the circumstances necessitating  
13 such action, including how such action  
14 complies with paragraph (2), as well as  
15 any intelligence informing such actions.

16 “(C) TERMINATION.—If the briefing and  
17 report described in subparagraph (B) are not  
18 provided to Congress during the 48 hours that  
19 begin when the President exercises the author-  
20 ity under paragraph (1), the suspension or re-  
21 striction shall immediately terminate absent in-  
22 tervening congressional action.

23 “(D) CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The  
24 term ‘Congress’, as used in this paragraph, re-  
25 fers to the Select Committee on Intelligence of

1 the Senate, the Committee on Foreign Rela-  
2 tions of the Senate, the Committee on the Judi-  
3 ciary of the Senate, the Committee on Home-  
4 land Security and Governmental Affairs of the  
5 Senate, the Permanent Select Committee on In-  
6 telligence of the House of Representatives, the  
7 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of  
8 Representatives, the Committee on the Judici-  
9 ary of the House of Representatives, and the  
10 Committee on Homeland Security of the House  
11 of Representatives.

12 “(4) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary of State  
13 and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall pub-  
14 licly announce and publish an unclassified version of  
15 the report described in paragraph (3)(B) in the Fed-  
16 eral Register.

17 “(5) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any  
19 other provision of law, an individual or entity  
20 who is present in the United States and has  
21 been harmed by a violation of this subsection  
22 may file an action in an appropriate district  
23 court of the United States to seek declaratory  
24 or injunctive relief.

1           “(B) CLASS ACTION.—Nothing in this Act  
2           may be construed to preclude an action filed  
3           pursuant to subparagraph (A) from proceeding  
4           as a class action.

5           “(6) TREATMENT OF COMMERCIAL AIRLINES.—  
6           Whenever the Secretary of Homeland Security finds  
7           that a commercial airline has failed to comply with  
8           regulations of the Secretary of Homeland Security  
9           relating to requirements of airlines for the detection  
10          of fraudulent documents used by passengers trav-  
11          eling to the United States (including the training of  
12          personnel in such detection), the Secretary of Home-  
13          land Security may suspend the entry of some or all  
14          aliens transported to the United States by such air-  
15          line.

16          “(7) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in  
17          this section may be construed as authorizing the  
18          President, the Secretary of State, or the Secretary  
19          of Homeland Security to act in a manner incon-  
20          sistent with the policy decisions expressed in the im-  
21          migration laws.”.

22   **SEC. 4. VISA APPLICANTS REPORT.**

23          (a) INITIAL REPORTS.—

24                (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after  
25          the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary

1 of State, in coordination with the Secretary of  
2 Homeland Security and the heads of other relevant  
3 Federal agencies, shall submit a report to the con-  
4 gressional committees referred to in section  
5 212(f)(3)(D) of the Immigration and Nationality  
6 Act, as amended by section 3 of this Act, that de-  
7 scribes the implementation of Presidential Proclama-  
8 tions 9645, 9822, and 9983 and Executive Orders  
9 13769, 13780, and 13815, during the effective pe-  
10 riod of each such proclamation and order.

11 (2) PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION 9645 AND  
12 9983.—In addition to the content described in para-  
13 graph (1), the report submitted with respect to Pres-  
14 idential Proclamation 9645, issued on September 24,  
15 2017, and Presidential Proclamation 9983, issued  
16 on January 31, 2020, shall include, for each country  
17 listed in such proclamation—

18 (A) the total number of individuals who  
19 applied for a visa during the time period the  
20 proclamation was in effect, disaggregated by  
21 country and visa category;

22 (B) the total number of visa applicants de-  
23 scribed in subparagraph (A) who were ap-  
24 proved, disaggregated by country and visa cat-  
25 egory;

1 (C) the total number of visa applicants de-  
2 scribed in subparagraph (A) who were refused,  
3 disaggregated by country and visa category,  
4 and the reasons they were refused;

5 (D) the total number of visa applicants de-  
6 scribed in subparagraph (A) whose applications  
7 remain pending, disaggregated by country and  
8 visa category;

9 (E) the total number of visa applicants de-  
10 scribed in subparagraph (A) who were granted  
11 a waiver, disaggregated by country and visa  
12 category;

13 (F) the total number of visa applicants de-  
14 scribed in subparagraph (A) who were denied a  
15 waiver, disaggregated by country and visa cat-  
16 egory, and the reasons such waiver requests  
17 were denied;

18 (G) the total number of refugees admitted,  
19 disaggregated by country; and

20 (H) the complete reports that were sub-  
21 mitted to the President every 180 days in ac-  
22 cordance with section 4 of Presidential Procla-  
23 mation 9645 in its original form, and as  
24 amended by Presidential Proclamation 9983.

1       (b) ADDITIONAL REPORTS.—Not later than 30 days  
2 after the date on which the President exercises the author-  
3 ity under section 212(f) of the Immigration and Nation-  
4 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(f)), as amended by section 3 of  
5 this Act, and every 30 days thereafter, the Secretary of  
6 State, in coordination with the Secretary of Homeland Se-  
7 curity and heads of other relevant Federal agencies, shall  
8 submit a report to the congressional committees referred  
9 to in paragraph (3)(D) of such section 212(f) that identi-  
10 fies, with respect to countries affected by a suspension or  
11 restriction, the information described in subparagraphs  
12 (A) through (H) of subsection (a)(2) of this section and  
13 specific evidence supporting the need for the continued ex-  
14 ercise of presidential authority under such section 212(f),  
15 including the information described in paragraph (3)(B)  
16 of such section 212(f). If the report described in this sub-  
17 section is not provided to Congress in the time specified,  
18 the suspension or restriction shall immediately terminate  
19 absent intervening congressional action. A final report  
20 with such information shall be prepared and submitted to  
21 such congressional committees not later than 30 days  
22 after the suspension or restriction is lifted.

1       (c) FORM; AVAILABILITY.—The reports required  
2 under subsections (a) and (b) shall be made publicly avail-  
3 able online in unclassified form.

