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H. R. 6418

To direct the Secretary of State to report to Congress on evacuation operations in Afghanistan, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. Kim of California (for herself, Mr. McCaul, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Smith of New Jersey, Ms. Stefanik, and Mr. Mast) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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- 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 "Rescue Endangered
- 5 SIVs and Citizens and Urgently Evacuate to Safety Act
- 6 of 2022" or the "RESCUES Act of 2022".

SEC. 2. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ON EVACUATION OP-

- 2 ERATIONS.
- 3 (a) Report.—On the date that is 180 days after the
- 4 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall
- 5 submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House
- 6 of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Rela-
- 7 tions of the Senate a report on funding provided by the
- 8 Department of State to nongovernmental entities for the
- 9 purposes of evacuating covered individuals from Afghani-
- 10 stan.
- 11 (b) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The report under sub-
- 12 section (a) shall include the following:
- 13 (1) The total amount allocated for expenditure
- and the total amount expended by the Department
- of State during the period beginning on August 15,
- 16 2021, and ending on the date that is 180 days after
- the date of enactment of this Act, to nongovern-
- mental entities for purposes of evacuating covered
- individuals from Afghanistan, including for the pro-
- vision of flights, visa and passport fees, and housing
- and food costs.
- 22 (2) A list of each nongovernmental entity that
- received funding from the Department of State for
- the purposes of evacuating covered individuals from
- 25 Afghanistan during the period described in para-
- 26 graph (1).

- 1 (3) A breakdown of how funding provided to
 2 each nongovernmental entity by the Department of
 3 State during the period described in paragraph (1)
 4 was used by each entity, including breakdowns of
 5 any taxes, duties, or fees paid to the Taliban (in6 cluding any entity of the Taliban-controlled govern7 ment).
 - (4) The number of covered individuals who were evacuated from Afghanistan during the period described in paragraph (1), disaggregated by the categories of covered individuals described in paragraphs (1) through (5) of section 4.
 - (5) The number of covered individuals described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 4 who, on the date that is 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, are still seeking evacuation from Afghanistan.
 - (6) The requirements put in place by the Department of State for nongovernmental entities to receive funding from the Department for purposes of evacuating covered individuals from Afghanistan.

22 SEC. 3. REPORT ON PROVISION OF FUNDING.

On the date that is 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-

resentatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a report on methods used by the Department 3 of State to prevent waste, fraud, abuse, or diversion to 4 unintended beneficiaries of funding provided to a non-5 governmental entity for purposes of evacuating covered in-6 dividuals from Afghanistan. SEC. 4. COVERED INDIVIDUAL DEFINED. In this Act, the term "covered individual" means— 8 9 (1) a national of the United States; (2) an alien lawfully admitted for permanent 10 11 residence in the United States; 12 (3) a national of Afghanistan who has been issued a special immigrant visa; 13 14 (4) a national of Afghanistan who has applied 15 for a special immigrant visa; and 16 (5) a national of Afghanistan who is eligible for 17 Priority 1, Priority 2, or Priority 3 processing under

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the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program.

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