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To require certain bureaus of the Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development to release quarterly reviews of certain grants, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McCORMICK 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 “Assessing Unintended
5 Drivers of Illegal Trafficking Act” or the “AUDIT Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LATIN AMERICA MIGRANT SERVICES GRANT TRANS-**
2 **PARENCY.**

3 (a) The Department of State's Bureau of Population,
4 Refugees, and Migration shall:

5 (1) Issue a quarterly report documenting all the
6 Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration
7 grant money spent on migrant and asylum-seeker
8 programs in Central and South America. The report
9 shall explain why each implementing partner was
10 chosen, the amount of money it received, the avail-
11 ability of asylum claim processing in the countries in
12 which those partners operate, and the number of
13 claims processed in those countries. The report shall
14 include—

15 (A) grants given to non-governmental or-
16 ganization implementing partners which are
17 building asylum shelters or creating asylum
18 processing capacity in Central and South Amer-
19 ica;

20 (B) grants given to implementing partners
21 conducting casework, counseling, or legal rep-
22 resentation for asylum seekers; and

23 (C) grants given to implementing partners
24 providing other services to asylum seekers, in-
25 cluding transportation, monetary assistance,
26 and housing.

1 (2) Be prohibited from giving grants to imple-
2 menting partners which provide abortion services to
3 asylum seekers. This includes implementing part-
4 ners—

5 (A) providing sexual and reproductive
6 health services that include referrals to receive
7 abortions;

8 (B) providing assistance in obtaining abor-
9 tions;

10 (C) providing the abortion procedure itself;
11 and

12 (D) which directly or indirectly fund abor-
13 tions or services for obtaining abortions in any
14 manner for asylum seekers.

15 (b) The Department of State’s Bureau of Democracy,
16 Human Rights, and Labor shall:

17 (1) Issue a quarterly report documenting all the
18 Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor
19 grants given to migrant and asylum seeker rights
20 programs in Central and South America. The report
21 shall explain why each implementing partner was
22 chosen, the amount of money it received, the avail-
23 ability of asylum claim processing in the countries in
24 which those partners operate, and the number of

1 claims processed in those countries. The report shall
2 include—

3 (A) direct grants from the Bureau of De-
4 mocracy, Human Rights, and Labor to migrant
5 shelters;

6 (B) grants to non-governmental organiza-
7 tion implementing partners that provide grants
8 or programming to other non-governmental or-
9 ganizations or migrants rights organizations;

10 (C) the Bureau of Democracy, Human
11 Rights, and Labor programming for building
12 local asylum processing capacity or improving
13 institutional transparency or efficiency;

14 (D) grants given to implementing partners
15 conducting casework, counseling, or legal rep-
16 resentation for asylum seekers; and

17 (E) any other programs the Bureau of De-
18 mocracy, Human Rights, and Labor funds for
19 the purpose of promoting migrant or asylum
20 seeker rights.

21 (2) Be prohibited from giving grants to imple-
22 menting partners who provide abortion services to
23 asylum seekers. This includes implementing part-
24 ners—

1 (A) providing sexual and reproductive
2 health services that include referrals to receive
3 abortions;

4 (B) providing assistance in obtaining abor-
5 tions;

6 (C) providing the abortion procedure itself;

7 (D) who directly or indirectly fund abor-
8 tions or services for obtaining abortions in any
9 manner for asylum seekers; and

10 (E) which directly or indirectly fund abor-
11 tions in any manner for asylum seekers, provi-
12 sions, or assistance in obtaining an abortion.

13 (c) The United States Agency for International De-
14 velopment shall:

15 (1) Issue a quarterly report documenting all the
16 United States Agency for International Development
17 grants given to migrant, asylum seeker, and inter-
18 nally displaced persons programs in Central and
19 South America. The report shall explain why each
20 implementing partner was chosen, the amount of
21 money it received, the availability of asylum claim
22 processing in the countries in which those partners
23 operate, and the number of claims processed in
24 those countries. The report shall include—

1 (A) direct grants from the United States
2 Agency for International Development to mi-
3 grant shelters;

4 (B) grants from the Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance to implementing partners in
5 the region working with migrants and asylum
6 seekers;

7 (C) prosperity, security, and governance
8 grants given to El Salvador, Guatemala, and
9 Honduras;

10 (D) integration grants to Belize, Costa
11 Rica, and Panama;

12 (E) grants given to resettle and integrate
13 Venezuelans outside their country and grants to
14 implementing partners operating within Ven-
15 ezuela;

16 (F) grants or programs related to mes-
17 saging to citizens of Central and South Amer-
18 ica; and

19 (G) grants given for governmental institu-
20 tional capacity building.

21 (2) Be prohibited from giving grants to imple-
22 menting partners which provide abortion services to
23 asylum seekers. This includes implementing part-
24 ners—
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1 (A) providing sexual and reproductive
2 health services that include referrals to receive
3 abortions;

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5 tions;

6 (C) providing the abortion procedure itself;

7 (D) who directly or indirectly fund abor-
8 tions or services for obtaining abortions in any
9 manner for asylum seekers; and

10 (E) which directly or indirectly fund abor-
11 tions in any manner for asylum seekers, provi-
12 sions, or assistance in obtaining an abortion.

13 (d) The reports by the Bureau of Population, Refu-
14 gees, and Migration, the Bureau of Democracy, Human
15 Rights, and Labor, and the United States Agency for
16 International Development shall begin the quarter after
17 this legislation is enacted.

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