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# S. 4478

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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## 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 TITLES.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Secure Airports From  
5 Enemies Act” or the “SAFE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON ACCESS BY CERTAIN INDIVID-**  
2 **UALS TO CERTAIN AREAS OF AIRPORTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 449 of  
4 title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
5 end the following:

6 **“§ 44930. Prohibition on certain access by certain in-**  
7 **dividuals**

8 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms ‘se-  
9 cured area’, ‘Security Identification Display Area’, and  
10 ‘sterile area’ have the meanings given such terms in sec-  
11 tion 1540.5 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations.

12 “(b) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-  
13 vision of law, the Administrator of the Transportation Se-  
14 curity Administration may not permit any access to the  
15 locations specified in subsection (c) to any individual who  
16 is a representative of, or acting on behalf of, a country  
17 specified in subsection (d).

18 “(c) LOCATIONS SPECIFIED.—The locations specified  
19 in this subsection are the following:

20 “(1) The secured area of an airport.

21 “(2) The Security Identification Display Area  
22 of an airport.

23 “(3) The sterile area of an airport.

24 “(4) The air cargo area of an airport.

25 “(d) COUNTRIES SPECIFIED.—A country specified in  
26 this subsection is a country the government of which the

1 Secretary of State determines, or has determined at any  
2 time during the immediately preceding 3 years, has re-  
3 peatedly provided support for international terrorism pur-  
4 suant to—

5 “(1) section 1754(c)(1)(A) of the Export Con-  
6 trol Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4813(c)(1)(A));

7 “(2) section 620A of the Foreign Assistance  
8 Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371);

9 “(3) section 40 of the Arms Export Control Act  
10 (22 U.S.C. 2780); or

11 “(4) any other provision of law.”.

12 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
13 for subchapter I of chapter 449 of title 49, United States  
14 Code, is amended by adding at the following:

“44930. Prohibition on certain access by certain individuals.”.

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