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S. 4644

To reestablish the Victims of Immigrant Crime Engagement Office to provide proactive, timely, adequate, and professional services to victims of crimes committed by removable aliens and the family members of such victims.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 27, 2022

Mr. TILLIS (for himself and Mr. HAGERTY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental 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 “Voice for Victims Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. VICTIMS OF IMMIGRANT CRIME ENGAGEMENT OF-**
6 **FICE.**

7 (a) REESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Home-
8 land Security shall direct the Director of U.S. Immigra-

1 tion and Customs Enforcement to take all appropriate and
2 lawful action to reestablish, within U.S. Immigration and
3 Customs Enforcement, the Victims of Immigrant Crime
4 Engagement Office (referred to in this Act as the “VOICE
5 Office”, which shall provide proactive, timely, adequate,
6 and professional services to victims of crimes committed
7 by removable aliens and the family members of such vic-
8 tims.

9 (b) QUARTERLY REPORTS.—The VOICE Office shall
10 submit quarterly reports to the Committee on Homeland
11 Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, the
12 Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate, the Committee
13 on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives,
14 and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Rep-
15 resentatives that examine the effects of the victimization
16 of United States nationals by criminal aliens who are
17 present in the United States.

18 (c) EXPANSION OF FUNCTIONS OF CITIZENSHIP AND
19 IMMIGRATION SERVICES OMBUDSMAN TO INCLUDE AS-
20 SISTANCE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIMES COMMITTED BY
21 ALIENS OR BORDER VIOLENCE.—Section 452(b) of the
22 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 272(b)) is
23 amended—

24 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as
25 paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively;

1 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(2) to work with the Victims of Immigrant
4 Crime Engagement Office to assist individuals and
5 families who have been the victims of crimes com-
6 mitted by aliens or violence near the United States
7 border;”; and

8 (3) in paragraph (4), as redesignated, by strik-
9 ing “(2)” and inserting “(3)”.

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