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To amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign programs and centers for the treatment of victims of torture, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 28, 2005

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. WOLF, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. PITTS, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. SHAYS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. KIRK, Mr. ACKERMAN, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. TERRY, Mr. SABO, Mr. EVANS, Mr. OLVER, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. FALCOMAVAEGA, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. FILNER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. LEE, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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

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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 “Torture Victims Relief  
5 Reauthorization Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

7 It is the policy of the United States—

8 (1) to ensure that, in its support abroad for  
9 programs and centers for the treatment of victims of  
10 torture, particular incentives and support should be  
11 given to establishing and supporting such programs  
12 and centers in emerging democracies, in post-conflict  
13 environments, and, with a view to providing services  
14 to refugees and internally displaced persons, in areas  
15 as close to ongoing conflict as safely as possible; and

16 (2) to ensure that, in its support for domestic  
17 programs and centers for the treatment of victims of  
18 torture, particular attention should be given to re-  
19 gions with significant immigrant or refugee popu-  
20 lations.

21 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR DOMES-**  
22 **TIC TREATMENT CENTERS FOR VICTIMS OF**  
23 **TORTURE.**

24 Section 5(b)(1) of the Torture Victims Relief Act of  
25 1998 (22 U.S.C. 2152 note) is amended to read as follows:



1 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE**  
2 **UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTION TO THE**  
3 **UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTARY FUND FOR**  
4 **VICTIMS OF TORTURE.**

5 Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated for fis-  
6 cal years 2006 and 2007 pursuant to chapter 3 of part  
7 I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, there are author-  
8 ized to be appropriated to the President for a voluntary  
9 contribution to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for  
10 Victims of Torture \$7,000,000 for fiscal year 2006 and  
11 \$8,000,000 for fiscal year 2007.

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