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To establish and implement efforts to eliminate restrictions on the enclaved people of Cyprus.

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Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself, Mr. PORTER, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. BILIRAKIS, and Mr. ENGEL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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 “Freedom and Human
5 Rights for the Enclaved People of Cyprus Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The respect for fundamental freedom and
9 human rights, especially in those countries that are

1 allies of the United States, is a cornerstone of
2 United States foreign policy.

3 (2) Among the purposes of United States for-
4 eign assistance is to promote human rights.

5 (3) United States foreign assistance should be
6 utilized to end the imposition of restrictions on the
7 freedoms and human rights of the enclaved people of
8 Cyprus.

9 (4) Among the restrictions of freedom and
10 human rights to which the enclaved people of Cyprus
11 are subjected are the following:

12 (A) Restrictions on the freedom to wor-
13 ship, including restrictions on times and places
14 for such worship.

15 (B) Restrictions on communication with
16 individuals living outside the area of the
17 enclaved, including a requirement that an indi-
18 vidual from among those in control be present
19 during any such communication.

20 (C) Prohibition on the possession of tele-
21 phones in homes.

22 (D) A requirement that an enclaved indi-
23 vidual receive permission from an individual
24 from among those in control before leaving the
25 enclaved area.

1 (E) Censorship of mail sent to and from
2 the enclaved area.

3 (F) A requirement that enclaved males
4 aged 18 to 50 report once a week to those in
5 control.

6 (G) Restrictions on the provision of edu-
7 cational services, including—

8 (i) lack of replacement elementary
9 school teachers and lack of educational fa-
10 cilities beyond elementary school;

11 (ii) a requirement that an enclaved in-
12 dividual who chooses to leave home for
13 education beyond elementary school may
14 return home not more than three times a
15 year; and

16 (iii) a requirement that enclaved
17 males 16 years of age or older and
18 enclaved females 18 years of age or older
19 who choose to leave home for education be-
20 yond elementary school may not return
21 home at all.

22 (H) Violation of property rights, including
23 confiscation of property without compensation.

24 (I) Lack of compensation for work per-
25 formed.

1 (J) Harassment, beating, rape, and mur-
2 der without adequate protection or investiga-
3 tion.

4 **SEC. 3. UNITED STATES EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE RE-**
5 **STRICTIONS ON THE ENCLAVED PEOPLE IN**
6 **CYPRUS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall establish ef-
8 forts by the United States—

9 (1) to inform the United States Government,
10 the United Nations, and foreign governments of the
11 restrictions on the enclaved people of Cyprus,

12 (2) to enlist the United Nations and foreign
13 governments in efforts to end restrictions on the
14 freedom and human rights of the enclaved people of
15 Cyprus, and

16 (3) to establish United States Government pro-
17 grams of assistance to the enclaved people of Cyprus
18 and efforts for the alleviation and elimination of re-
19 strictions on the enclaved.

20 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall, to the
22 extent practicable, use funds allocated for a fiscal
23 year to the government or ethnic community partici-
24 pating directly or indirectly in imposition of restric-
25 tions on the freedom and human rights of the

1 enclaved people of Cyprus or, in the absence of such
2 funds, shall establish a foreign assistance program
3 for the enclaved people of Cyprus.

4 (2) USE OF FUNDS.—Assistance for the
5 enclaved people of Cyprus under paragraph (1) shall
6 include—

7 (A) programs to eliminate specific aspects
8 of the restrictions of freedom and human rights
9 on the enclaved people of Cyprus; and

10 (B) programs to return ancestral homes
11 and lands to the enclaved people, including
12 United States citizens, who have been forcibly
13 expelled, or those individuals who have fled the
14 enclaved areas or other areas of Cyprus in fear
15 of severe restrictions of freedom, human rights
16 abuses, or violation of property rights.

17 (c) NOTIFICATION OF OPPOSITION TO RESTRICTIONS
18 OF FREEDOM AND HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES.—The Presi-
19 dent—

20 (1) shall notify in writing each fiscal year the
21 head of government of any foreign country that is
22 participating, directly or indirectly, in the restric-
23 tions on freedom and human rights of the enclaved
24 people of Cyprus of the opposition by the United

1 States to that government's participation in such re-
2 strictions; and

3 (2) shall urge the head of such government to
4 cease participation in such restrictions and to work
5 to eliminate such restrictions.

6 (d) MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIRE-
7 MENTS.—The Secretary of State shall include a report on
8 the enclaved people of Cyprus as part of the annual De-
9 partment of State's Country Reports on Human Rights
10 Practices.

11 **SEC. 4. UNITED NATIONS EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE RE-**
12 **STRICTIONS ON THE ENCLAVED PEOPLE IN**
13 **CYPRUS.**

14 The President shall direct the United States rep-
15 resentative to the United Nations—

16 (1) to urge the United Nations High Commis-
17 sioner for Refugees to address and solve the plight
18 of those enclaved on Cyprus; and

19 (2) to call upon the United Nations Human
20 Rights Commissioner to investigate the plight of the
21 enclaved on Cyprus and to implement appropriate
22 and effective corrective action.

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