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# H. R. 5733

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHIFF introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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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 “Public Diplomacy En-  
5       hancement Act of 2002”.

1 **SEC. 2. IDENTIFICATION OF FUNDING OF PROJECTS AND**  
2 **ACTIVITIES OVERSEAS AS “AMERICAN AID”.**

3 Section 641 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961  
4 (22 U.S.C. 2401) is amended to read as follows:

5 **“SEC. 641. IDENTIFICATION OF FUNDING OF PROJECTS**  
6 **AND ACTIVITIES OVERSEAS AS ‘AMERICAN**  
7 **AID’.**

8 “(a) IDENTIFICATION OF FUNDING OF PROJECTS  
9 AND ACTIVITIES AS ‘AMERICAN AID’.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Projects and activities  
11 funded, in whole or in part, with United States as-  
12 sistance, including projects and activities carried out  
13 by nongovernmental organizations, shall, to the max-  
14 imum extent practicable, be identified appropriately  
15 overseas as ‘American Aid’ or ‘Assistance from the  
16 People of the United States’ in English and the ap-  
17 propriate local language.

18 “(2) EXAMPLES OF METHODS OF IDENTIFICA-  
19 TION.—Examples of methods to identify projects  
20 and activities in accordance with paragraph (1) in-  
21 clude use at the local, national, and regional levels  
22 of print and broadcast media (including news-  
23 papers), press releases, signage, and appropriate  
24 events (such as seminars, lectures, ‘ribbon-cutting’  
25 ceremonies, and related events).

1           “(3) APPLICATION REQUIREMENT.—Each con-  
2           tractor or recipient of any assistance award that is  
3           selected to carry out projects or activities with  
4           United States assistance shall provide to the United  
5           States a plan of action on its project or activity pro-  
6           posal that describes how it will comply with the re-  
7           quirement contained in paragraph (1).

8           “(4) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term  
9           ‘United States assistance’ means assistance under—

10           “(A)(i) chapter 1 of part I of this Act  
11           (relating to development assistance);

12           “(ii) chapter 10 of part I of this Act  
13           (relating to the Development Fund for Africa);

14           “(iii) chapter 11 of part I of this Act  
15           (relating to assistance for the independent  
16           states of the former Soviet Union);

17           “(iv) chapter 12 of part I of this Act  
18           (relating to assistance for the countries of the  
19           South Caucasus and Central Asia region);

20           “(v) chapter 4 of part II of this Act  
21           (relating to the Economic Support Fund); and

22           “(B) the Support for East European De-  
23           mocracy (SEED) Act of 1989.

24           “(b) WAIVER.—The requirement contained in sub-  
25           section (a)(1) may be waived with respect to a project or

1 activity if the requirement would have an adverse impact  
2 on the objectives of the project or activity.

3 “(c) REPORT ON WAIVERS OF MARKING AND IDENTI-  
4 FICATION REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary of State, in  
5 consultation with the Administrator of the United States  
6 Agency for International Development, shall prepare and  
7 submit to Congress a report on an annual basis that in-  
8 cludes the number of waivers issued by the Agency for  
9 International Development during the preceding fiscal  
10 year of—

11 “(1) the requirement to suitably mark Agency-  
12 funded commodities, equipment, or activities, includ-  
13 ing the rationale for such waivers; and

14 “(2) the requirement to identify programs  
15 under this Act appropriately overseas as ‘American  
16 Aid’, including the rationale for such waivers.

17 “(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take ef-  
18 fect on the date of its enactment.”.

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