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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To prohibit the nomination of certain countries as program countries for purposes of the visa waiver program.

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To provide for certain authorities of the Department of State, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. VAN HOLLEN

Viz:

1 At the end of title VII, add the following:

2 **SEC. 7__ . PROHIBITION ON NOMINATION OF CERTAIN**
3 **COUNTRIES AS PROGRAM COUNTRIES FOR**
4 **PURPOSES OF THE VISA WAIVER PROGRAM.**

5 The Secretary of State may not nominate a country
6 for purposes of the visa waiver program under section 217
7 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1187)
8 if such country subjects any citizen of the United States
9 to separate entry rules or visa regulations, or otherwise
10 discriminates against a citizen of the United States, on
11 the basis of such United States citizen’s race, religion, eth-

- 1 nicity, national origin, or membership in any other pro-
- 2 tected class recognized by United States law.