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AN ACT

To protect children from exploitation, especially sex trafficking in tourism, by providing advance notice of intended travel by registered child-sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known child-sex offender is seeking to enter the United States, and for other purposes.

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 AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “International Megan’s Law to Prevent Demand for Child
6 Sex Trafficking”.

1 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
2 this Act is as follows:

- 3 Sec. 1. Short title and table of contents.
- 4 Sec. 2. Findings.
- 5 Sec. 3. Definitions.
- 6 Sec. 4. Angel Watch Center.
- 7 Sec. 5. Sense of Congress provisions.
- 8 Sec. 6. Enhancing the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking.
- 9 Sec. 7. Assistance to foreign countries to meet minimum standards for the
10 elimination of trafficking.
- 11 Sec. 8. Rules of Construction.

12 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

13 Congress finds the following:

14 (1) Megan Nicole Kanka, who was 7 years old,
15 was abducted, sexually assaulted, and murdered in
16 1994, in the State of New Jersey by a violent pred-
17 ator living across the street from her home. Unbe-
18 knownst to Megan Kanka and her family, he had
19 been convicted previously of a sex offense against a
20 child.

21 (2) In 1996, Congress adopted Megan’s Law
(Public Law 104–145) as a means to encourage
States to protect children by identifying the where-
abouts of sex offenders and providing the means to
monitor their activities.

(3) In 2006, Congress passed the Adam Walsh
Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (Public
Law 109–248) to protect children and the public at
large by establishing a comprehensive national sys-
tem for the registration and notification to the pub-

1 lic and law enforcement officers of convicted sex of-
2 fenders.

3 (4) Law enforcement reports indicate that
4 known child-sex offenders are traveling internation-
5 ally, and that the criminal background of such indi-
6 viduals may not be known to local law enforcement
7 prior to their arrival.

8 (5) The commercial sexual exploitation of mi-
9 nors in child sex trafficking and pornography is a
10 global phenomenon. The International Labour Orga-
11 nization has estimated that 1.8 million children
12 worldwide are victims of child sex trafficking and
13 pornography each year.

14 (6) Child sex tourism, where an individual trav-
15 els to a foreign country and engages in sexual activ-
16 ity with a child in that country, is a form of child
17 exploitation and, where commercial, child sex traf-
18 ficking.

19 (7) According to research conducted by The
20 Protection Project of The Johns Hopkins University
21 Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International
22 Studies, sex tourists from the United States who
23 target children form a significant percentage of child
24 sex tourists in some of the most significant destina-
25 tion countries for child sex tourism.

1 (8) In order to protect children, it is essential
2 that United States law enforcement be able to iden-
3 tify child-sex offenders in the United States who are
4 traveling abroad and child-sex offenders from other
5 countries entering the United States. Such identi-
6 fication requires cooperative efforts between the
7 United States and foreign governments. In exchange
8 for providing notice of child-sex offenders traveling
9 to the United States, foreign authorities will expect
10 United States authorities to provide reciprocal notice
11 of child-sex offenders traveling to their countries.

12 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

13 In this Act:

14 (1) CENTER.—The term “Center” means the
15 Angel Watch Center established pursuant to section
16 4(a).

17 (2) CHILD-SEX OFFENDER.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “child-sex of-
19 fender” means an individual who is a sex of-
20 fender described in paragraph (3) or (4) of sec-
21 tion 111 of the Adam Walsh Child Protection
22 and Safety Act of 2006 (42 U.S.C. 16911) by
23 reason of being convicted of a child-sex offense.

24 (B) DEFINITION OF CONVICTED.—In this
25 paragraph, the term “convicted” has the mean-

1 ing given the term in paragraph (8) of section
2 111 of such Act.

3 (3) CHILD-SEX OFFENSE.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “child-sex of-
5 fense” means a specified offense against a
6 minor, as defined in paragraph (7) of section
7 111 of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and
8 Safety Act of 2006 (42 U.S.C. 16911), includ-
9 ing—

10 (i) an offense (unless committed by a
11 parent or guardian) involving kidnapping;

12 (ii) an offense (unless committed by a
13 parent or guardian) involving false impris-
14 onment;

15 (iii) solicitation to engage in sexual
16 conduct;

17 (iv) use in a sexual performance;

18 (v) solicitation to practice prostitu-
19 tion;

20 (vi) video voyeurism as described in
21 section 1801 of title 18, United States
22 Code;

23 (vii) possession, production, or dis-
24 tribution of child pornography;

1 (viii) criminal sexual conduct involving
2 a minor, or the use of the Internet to fa-
3 cilitate or attempt such conduct; and

4 (ix) any conduct that by its nature is
5 a sex offense against a minor.

6 (B) OTHER OFFENSES.—The term “child-
7 sex offense” includes a sex offense described in
8 paragraph (5)(A) of section 111 of the Adam
9 Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006
10 that is a specified offense against a minor, as
11 defined in paragraph (7) of such section.

12 (C) FOREIGN CONVICTIONS; OFFENSES IN-
13 VOLVING CONSENSUAL SEXUAL CONDUCT.—The
14 limitations contained in subparagraphs (B) and
15 (C) of section 111(5) of the Adam Walsh Child
16 Protection and Safety Act of 2006 shall apply
17 with respect to a child-sex offense for purposes
18 of this Act to the same extent and in the same
19 manner as such limitations apply with respect
20 to a sex offense for purposes of the Adam
21 Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006.

22 (4) JURISDICTION.—The term “jurisdiction”
23 means any of the following:

24 (A) A State.

25 (B) The District of Columbia.

1 (C) The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

2 (D) Guam.

3 (E) American Samoa.

4 (F) The Northern Mariana Islands.

5 (G) The United States Virgin Islands.

6 (H) To the extent provided in, and subject
7 to the requirements of, section 127 of the Adam
8 Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006
9 (42 U.S.C. 16927), a federally recognized In-
10 dian tribe.

11 (5) MINOR.—The term “minor” means an indi-
12 vidual who has not attained the age of 18 years.

13 **SEC. 4. ANGEL WATCH CENTER.**

14 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after
15 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
16 Homeland Security shall establish within the Child Exploi-
17 tation Investigations Unit of United States Immigration
18 and Customs Enforcement (ICE) of the Department of
19 Homeland Security a Center, to be known as the “Angel
20 Watch Center”, to carry out the activities specified in sub-
21 section (d).

22 (b) LEADERSHIP.—The Center shall be headed by the
23 Director of ICE, in collaboration with the Commissioner
24 of United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
25 and in consultation with the Attorney General.

1 (c) MEMBERS.—The Center shall consist of the fol-
2 lowing:

3 (1) The Director of ICE.

4 (2) The Commissioner of CBP.

5 (3) Individuals who are designated as analysts
6 in ICE or CBP.

7 (4) Individuals who are designated as program
8 managers in ICE or CBP.

9 (d) ACTIVITIES.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Center shall carry out
11 the following activities:

12 (A) Receive information on travel by child-
13 sex offenders.

14 (B) Establish a system to maintain and ar-
15 chive all relevant information, including the re-
16 sponse of destination countries to notifications
17 under subsection (e) where available, and deci-
18 sions not to transmit notification abroad.

19 (C) Establish an annual review process to
20 ensure that the Center is consistent in proce-
21 dures to provide notification to destination
22 countries or not to provide notification to des-
23 tination countries, as appropriate.

24 (2) INFORMATION REQUIRED.—The United
25 States Marshals Service's National Sex Offender

1 Targeting Office shall make available to the Center
2 information on travel by child-sex offenders in a
3 timely manner for purposes of carrying out the ac-
4 tivities described in paragraph (1) and (e).

5 (e) NOTIFICATION.—

6 (1) TO COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Center may trans-
8 mit notice of impending or current international
9 travel of a child-sex offender to the country or
10 countries of destination of the child-sex of-
11 fender, including to the visa-issuing agent or
12 agents in the United States of the country or
13 countries.

14 (B) FORM.—The notice under this para-
15 graph may be transmitted through such means
16 as determined appropriate by the Center, in-
17 cluding through an ICE attaché.

18 (2) TO OFFENDERS.—

19 (A) GENERAL NOTIFICATION.—

20 (i) IN GENERAL.—If the Center trans-
21 mits notice under paragraph (1) of im-
22 pending international travel of a child-sex
23 offender to the country or countries of des-
24 tination of the child-sex offender, the Sec-
25 retary of Homeland Security, in conjunc-

1 tion with any appropriate agency, shall
2 make reasonable efforts to provide con-
3 structive notice through electronic or tele-
4 phonic communication to the child-sex of-
5 fender prior to the child-sex offender's ar-
6 rival in the country or countries.

7 (ii) EXCEPTION.—The requirement to
8 provide constructive notice under clause (i)
9 shall not apply in the case of impending
10 international travel of a child-sex offender
11 to the country or countries of destination
12 of the child-sex offender if such construc-
13 tive notice would conflict with an existing
14 investigation involving the child-sex of-
15 fender.

16 (B) SPECIFIC NOTIFICATION REGARDING
17 RISK TO LIFE OR WELL-BEING OF OF-
18 FENDER.—If the Center has reason to believe
19 that to transmit notice under paragraph (1)
20 poses a risk to the life or well-being of the
21 child-sex offender, the Center shall make rea-
22 sonable efforts to provide constructive notice
23 through electronic or telephonic communication
24 to the child-sex offender of such risk.

1 (C) SPECIFIC NOTIFICATION REGARDING
2 PROBABLE DENIAL OF ENTRY TO OFFENDER.—
3 If the Center has reason to believe that a coun-
4 try of destination of the child-sex offender is
5 highly likely to deny entry to the child-sex of-
6 fender due to transmission of notice under
7 paragraph (1), the Center shall make reason-
8 able efforts to provide constructive notice
9 through electronic or telephonic communication
10 to the child-sex offender of such probable de-
11 nial.

12 (3) SUNSET.—The authority of paragraph (1)
13 shall terminate with respect to a child-sex offender
14 beginning as of the close of the last day of the reg-
15 istration period of such child-sex offender under sec-
16 tion 115 of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and
17 Safety Act of 2006 (42 U.S.C. 16915).

18 (f) COMPLAINT REVIEW.—The Center shall establish
19 a mechanism to receive complaints from child-sex offend-
20 ers affected by notifications of destination countries of
21 such child-sex offenders under subsection (e).

22 (g) CONSULTATIONS.—The Center shall seek to en-
23 gage in ongoing consultations with—

24 (1) nongovernmental organizations, including
25 faith-based organizations, that have experience and

1 expertise in identifying and preventing child sex
2 tourism and rescuing and rehabilitating minor vic-
3 tims of international sexual exploitation and traf-
4 ficking;

5 (2) the governments of countries interested in
6 cooperating in the creation of an international sex
7 offender travel notification system or that are pri-
8 mary destination or source countries for inter-
9 national sex tourism; and

10 (3) Internet service and software providers re-
11 garding available and potential technology to facili-
12 tate the implementation of an international sex of-
13 fender travel notification system, both in the United
14 States and in other countries.

15 (h) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary of
16 Homeland Security and the Secretary of State may pro-
17 vide technical assistance to foreign authorities in order to
18 enable such authorities to participate more effectively in
19 the notification program system established under this
20 section.

21 **SEC. 5. SENSE OF CONGRESS PROVISIONS.**

22 (a) BILATERAL AGREEMENTS.—It is the sense of
23 Congress that the President should negotiate memoranda
24 of understanding or other bilateral agreements with for-

1 eign governments to further the purposes of this Act and
2 the amendments made by this Act, including by—

3 (1) establishing systems to receive and transmit
4 notices as required by title I of the Adam Walsh
5 Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (42 U.S.C.
6 16901 et seq.); and

7 (2) establishing mechanisms for private compa-
8 nies and nongovernmental organizations to report on
9 a voluntary basis suspected child pornography or ex-
10 ploitation to foreign governments, the nearest
11 United States embassy in cases in which a possible
12 United States citizen may be involved, or other ap-
13 propriate entities.

14 (b) NOTIFICATION TO THE UNITED STATES OF
15 CHILD-SEX OFFENSES COMMITTED ABROAD.—It is the
16 sense of Congress that the President should formally re-
17 quest foreign governments to notify the United States
18 when a United States citizen has been arrested, convicted,
19 sentenced, or completed a prison sentence for a child-sex
20 offense in the foreign country.

21 **SEC. 6. ENHANCING THE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE**
22 **ELIMINATION OF TRAFFICKING.**

23 Section 108(b)(4) of the Trafficking Victims Protec-
24 tion Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7106(b)(4)) is amended by
25 adding at the end before the period the following: “, in-

1 cluding severe forms of trafficking in persons related to
2 sex tourism”.

3 **SEC. 7. ASSISTANCE TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO MEET**
4 **MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE ELIMI-**
5 **NATION OF TRAFFICKING.**

6 The President is strongly encouraged to exercise the
7 authorities of section 134 of the Foreign Assistance Act
8 of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2152d) to provide assistance to foreign
9 countries directly, or through nongovernmental and multi-
10 lateral organizations, for programs, projects, and activi-
11 ties, including training of law enforcement entities and of-
12 ficials, designed to establish systems to identify sex offend-
13 ers and provide and receive notification of child sex of-
14 fender international travel.

15 **SEC. 8. RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.**

16 (a) DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.—Nothing in this Act
17 shall be construed to preclude or alter the jurisdiction or
18 authority of the Department of Justice under the Adam
19 Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (42 U.S.C.
20 16901 et seq.), including section 113(d) of such Act, or
21 any other provision law, or to affect the work of the
22 United States Marshals Service with INTERPOL.

23 (b) ANGEL WATCH CENTER.—Nothing in this Act
24 shall be construed to preclude the Angel Watch Center
25 from transmitting notice with respect to any sex offender

1 described in paragraph (3) or (4) of section 111 of the
2 Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (42
3 U.S.C. 16911) or with respect to any sex offense described
4 in paragraph (5) of such section.