

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7900
OFFERED BY MR. CROW OF COLORADO

Insert at the appropriate place the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . REPOSITORY OF LOCAL NATIONALS WORKING**
2 **FOR OR ON BEHALF OF FEDERAL GOVERN-**
3 **MENT IN THEATER OF COMBAT OPERATIONS.**

4 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
5 gress that—

6 (1) there are well documented administrative
7 issues with current and former Special Immigrant
8 Visa programs that significantly increase the appli-
9 cation timeline and impact applicants seeking to
10 verify their eligibly for these programs;

11 (2) administrative issues such a verification of
12 employment, characterization of service, personnel
13 data, and biographical data needed for employment
14 by a local national employee but not centrally main-
15 tained should not be a barrier for an applicant who
16 has put themselves or their family at risk by pro-
17 viding faithful and valuable service in support the
18 United States Government;

19 (3) upon studying existing databases within the
20 federal government, none meet the requirement that

1 would provide a centralized database that all federal
2 departments and agencies could utilize to ensure
3 that in the future, eligible applicants do not have ap-
4 plications delayed or denied due to missing adminis-
5 trative data;

6 (4) the creation of such a database, exercising
7 current privacy data control policies, would stream-
8 line the application process and provide independent
9 and centralized verification that an applicant is in-
10 deed eligible for the program; and

11 (5) Special Immigrant Visa programs are con-
12 sistent with our national values, and therefore, it is
13 an obligation to make sure the accurate data nec-
14 essary to verify and complete these applications ex-
15 peditiously is available when needed.

16 (b) DATABASE.—Not later than one year after the
17 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense,
18 in coordination with the Secretary of State, shall establish
19 and maintain a database listing all foreign nationals work-
20 ing for the United States Government or any contractor
21 or subcontractor (at any tier) of the Department of De-
22 fense, the Department of State, or any other agency or
23 instrumentality of the Executive branch in a theater of
24 combat operations. This section and the requirements of

1 this section shall be carried out consistent with the Privacy
2 Act of 1974.

3 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—The database established
4 under subsection (b) shall be electronic and searchable,
5 and shall include, with respect to each foreign national so
6 listed, the following:

7 (1) Full name and date of birth.

8 (2) Contact information.

9 (3) Local national or State ID Number.

10 (4) Passport number, if applicable.

11 (5) Job location.

12 (6) The component of Government or con-
13 tractor contact information.

14 (7) Start and end dates, total length of service,
15 and whether the foreign national has met the length
16 of service requirement for the Special Immigrant
17 Visa program in that country, if applicable.

18 (8) A thorough description of work duties and
19 the location where duties were performed.

20 (9) Any other information the Secretary of De-
21 fense or Secretary of State deems appropriate.

22 (d) NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary of Defense, Sec-
23 retary of State, the head of any other agency or instru-
24 mentality of the Executive branch, and each contractor or
25 subcontractor (at any tier) of the Department of Defense,

1 the Department of State, or such other agency or instru-
2 mentality, shall provide to any foreign national employee
3 in the database established under subsection (b), at the
4 end of each year of employment with the Government, con-
5 tractor, or subcontractor (at any tier) (as the case may
6 be) and on the date such employment terminates, a writ-
7 ten certification regarding such employee's total length of
8 service.

