

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5300
OFFERED BY MR. CASTRO OF TEXAS

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

1 **SEC. __. MODIFICATIONS TO HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING.**

2 (a) HARASSMENT OR PUNISHMENT OF FAMILY MEM-
3 BERS.—Section 116(d)(13) of the Foreign Assistance Act
4 of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151n(d)(13)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “Wherever applicable,”;

6 (2) by redesignating subparagraphs (B)
7 through (E) as subparagraphs (C) through (F), re-
8 spectively; and

9 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the fol-
10 lowing new subparagraph:

11 “(B) harassment or punishment of family
12 members residing in the country for alleged of-
13 fenses by a relative, including relatives forced
14 into exile or residing outside of the country for
15 fear of political persecution;”.

16 (b) RESTRICTIONS ON FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND
17 RESIDENCE WITHIN AND TRAVEL TO AND FROM COUN-
18 TRIES.—Section 116(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of
19 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151n(d)) is amended by adding at the
20 end the following new paragraph:

1 “(14) Wherever applicable, a description of re-
2 strictions on freedom of movement and residence
3 within and travel to and from the country.”.

4 (c) FACTORS UNDERMINING DUE PROCESS OR AN
5 INDEPENDENT AND IMPARTIAL JUDICIARY FREE OF COR-
6 RUPTION AND POLITICAL INFLUENCE.—Section 116(d) of
7 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151n(d))
8 is further amended by adding at the end the following new
9 paragraph:

10 “(15) A description of any factors undermining
11 due process or an independent and impartial judi-
12 ary free of corruption and political influence and
13 whether trials are fair and public and afford crimi-
14 nal defendants the minimum fair trial guarantees
15 recognized internationally as necessary for a crimi-
16 nal defense, including—

17 “(A) whether persons have been convicted,
18 imprisoned, or detained essentially for political
19 beliefs or nonviolent acts of dissent or expres-
20 sion, particularly based on overly broad and
21 sweeping charges intended to stifle the exercise
22 of human rights and fundamental freedoms;
23 and

24 “(B) whether prison and detention center
25 conditions or mistreatment in such facilities has

1 resulted in deaths or forms of cruel, inhuman,
2 or degrading treatment and unusual punish-
3 ment.”.

4 (d) STATELESS AND INTERNALLY DISPLACED PER-
5 SONS.—Section 116(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of
6 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151n(d)) is further amended by adding
7 at the end the following new paragraph:

8 “(16) Whether a country facilitates or main-
9 tains laws, policies, or practices that create or per-
10 petuate stateless persons or discriminate against in-
11 ternally displaced persons in that country.”.

