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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Issa introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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. NOTIFICATION REQUIRED FOR NONSTANDARD**  
4                   **CONSTRUCTION.**

5       (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
6       gress that the Bureau of Overseas Building Operations of  
7       the Department of State, or any successor office, shall,  
8       to the greatest extent possible, give appropriate consider-

1 action to standardization in construction, such that each  
2 new United States embassy and consulate starts with a  
3 standard design and keeps customization to a minimum.

4 (b) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—  
5 The Secretary of State may only carry out a covered  
6 project that uses a nonstandard design if, not later than  
7 15 days prior to the obligation of funds for such project,  
8 the Secretary submits to the appropriate congressional  
9 committees a notification of such project, including the  
10 following information:

11 (1) A comparison of the estimated full lifecycle  
12 cost of the project to the estimated full lifecycle cost  
13 of such project if such project were constructed  
14 using a standard design.

15 (2) A comparison of the estimated completion  
16 date of such project to the estimated completion  
17 date of such project if such project were constructed  
18 using a standard design.

19 (3) A comparison of the security of the com-  
20 pleted project to the security of such completed  
21 project if such project were constructed using a  
22 standard design.

23 (4) A justification for the Secretary's selection  
24 of a nonstandard design over a standard design for  
25 such project.

6 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and  
11 the Committee on Appropriations of the House  
12 of Representatives; and

13 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations  
14 and the Committee on Appropriations of the  
15 Senate.

18 (A) means a project to construct a new  
19 United States embassy compound or new  
20 United States consulate compound; and

(B) includes such projects that are in the design or pre-design phase on the date of the enactment of this Act.