

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 9086**  
**OFFERED BY MR. ISSA OF CALIFORNIA**

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_.** **STREAMLINING THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE RE-**  
2 **WARDS PROGRAM.**

3 Section 36 of the State Department Basic Authorities  
4 Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2708) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)(2)—

6 (A) by inserting “and accountability for”  
7 after “prevention of”; and

8 (B) by striking “international terrorism”  
9 and all that follows through the end of the sen-  
10 tence and inserting “international terrorism,  
11 international narcotics trafficking, war crimes,  
12 crimes against humanity, and genocide, foreign  
13 election interference, transnational organized  
14 crime, other criminal acts, and other conduct  
15 that threatens national security.”;

16 (2) in subsection (a)(3), by striking “, in con-  
17 sultation, as appropriate, with the Attorney Gen-  
18 eral”;

19 (3) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) by striking “arrest or conviction in any  
2 country of any individual” each place it appears  
3 and inserting “identification, location, arrest, or  
4 conviction in any country of any individual or  
5 entity”;

6 (B) in paragraph (14), by striking “; or”  
7 at the end and inserting a semicolon;

8 (C) in paragraph (15), by striking the pe-  
9 riod at the end and inserting “; or”; and

10 (D) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(16) the identification, location, arrest, or con-  
12 viction in any country of any individual or entity  
13 that engages in, conspires, attempts to commit, or  
14 plans covered acts, and for disruption of covered ma-  
15 licious cyber activity, foreign election interference,  
16 hostage taking, kidnapping for ransom, and attacks  
17 against persons or entities under Secretary of State  
18 security responsibility under section 103(a)(1)(A)  
19 and (B) of the Omnibus Diplomatic Security and  
20 Antiterrorism Act of 1986 (22 U.S.C. 4802(a)(1)(A)  
21 and (B)).”;

22 (4) in subsection (c)(2), by adding at the end  
23 the following sentence: “The Secretary of State shall  
24 administer the program and the concurrence of the  
25 Attorney General required under this paragraph

1 with respect to matters involving Federal criminal  
2 jurisdiction is required shall be solely with respect to  
3 whether payment would materially interfere with on-  
4 going or reasonably anticipated prosecutions.”;

5 (5) in subsection (e)(4), by striking “\$100,000”  
6 and inserting “\$500,000”;

7 (6) in subsection (g)—

8 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “30  
9 days” and inserting “60 days”;

10 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “60  
11 days” and inserting “90 days”;

12 (C) in paragraph (4), by striking “15  
13 days” and inserting “30 days”; and

14 (D) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(5) EXEMPTING DUPLICATIVE OFFER REPORT-  
16 ING.—A reward offer that is published on a public-  
17 facing United States Government website shall not  
18 be required by operation of this section to be dupli-  
19 cated in any other report of the Secretary.”.

20 (7) by redesignating subsection (k) as sub-  
21 section (l);

22 (8) by inserting after subsection (j) the fol-  
23 lowing:

24 “(k) FOIA EXEMPTION.—Operational files of the re-  
25 wards program shall be exempt from disclosure, search,

1 or review under section 552 of title 5, United States Code.

2 This subsection is a statute described in section

3 552(b)(3)(B) of title 5, United States Code.”; and

4 (9) by adding at the end of subsection (l), as

5 so redesignated, the following:

6 “(11) MALICIOUS CYBER ACTIVITY; HOSTAGE

7 TAKING; KIDNAPPING FOR RANSOM.—The terms

8 ‘malicious cyber activity’, ‘hostage taking’, and ‘kid-

9 napping for ransom’ have the meanings given those

10 terms in regulation by the Secretary.”.

