Questions for the Record from Representative Russell Fry for Simon Hankinson
Restoring Integrity and Security to the Visa Process
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President Trump's Executive Order 14161 identified gaps in the visa process, called for maximum vetting, and ordered reviews of countries to determine whether a country is sharing sufficient information to ensure adequate screening of its nationals seeking to enter the U.S. The reviews resulted in visa restrictions for nationals of 19 high-risk countries.

1. Would you agree that foreign adversaries exploit our immigration system?

2. Is it wise to lift a travel ban for Iranian nationals, or nationals from high-risk nations, who could exploit our immigration system?

3. Does Executive Order 14161 close security gaps in our visa process more effectively than the previous administration's approach, if so then how?

4. Do you agree that if Executive Order 14161 and its ensuing visa restrictions had been in effect during the Biden Administration, the State Department would likely not have issued a K-1 visa to Ribvar Karimi, an Iranian national, who was issued a K-1 visa during the Biden Administration, despite reportedly having served as an Iranian Army sniper from 2018 to 2021?

5. What compromises are made during the screening process when attempting to balance the inelastic tension between speed/cost and decision accuracy?

6. What would the benefits be to a novel risk technology that could determine with a high degree of precision where potential risk lies based on an individual's answers to key security questions, in real-time, at scale?

7. Should Congress and the administration utilize such technology to streamline the visa process safely?

8. Do you think such technology could have prevent individuals who pose a national security risk and lie during their visa screening from being issued visas?