

Secretary of the Treasury and the heads of other Federal agencies, as appropriate, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a comprehensive strategy to—

- (1) assist the people of Iran to produce, access, and share information freely and safely via the Internet, including in Farsi and regional languages;
- (2) support the development of counter-censorship technologies that enable the citizens of Iran to undertake Internet activities without interference from the Government of Iran;
- (3) increase the capabilities and availability of secure mobile and other communications through connective technology among human rights and democracy activists in Iran;
- (4) provide resources for digital safety training for media and academic and civil society organizations in Iran;
- (5) provide accurate and substantive Internet content in local languages in Iran;
- (6) increase emergency resources for the most vulnerable human rights advocates seeking to organize, share information, and support human rights in Iran;
- (7) expand surrogate radio, television, live stream, and social network communications inside Iran, including—
  - (A) by expanding Voice of America's Persian News Network and Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty's Radio Farda to provide hourly live news update programming and breaking news coverage capability 24 hours a day and 7 days a week; and
  - (B) by assisting telecommunications and software companies that are United States persons to comply with the export licensing requirements of the United States for the purpose of expanding such communications inside Iran;
- (8) expand activities to safely assist and train human rights, civil society, and democracy activists in Iran to operate effectively and securely;
- (9) identify and utilize all available resources to overcome attempts by the Government of Iran to jam or otherwise deny international satellite broadcasting signals;
- (10) expand worldwide United States embassy and consulate programming for and outreach to Iranian dissident communities;
- (11) expand access to proxy servers for democracy activists in Iran; and
- (12) discourage telecommunications and software companies from facilitating Internet censorship by the Government of Iran.

(Pub. L. 112-158, title IV, §414, Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1256.)

**§ 8755. Statement of policy on political prisoners**

It shall be the policy of the United States—

- (1) to support efforts to research and identify prisoners of conscience and cases of human rights abuses in Iran;
- (2) to offer refugee status or political asylum in the United States to political dissidents in Iran if requested and consistent with the laws and national security interests of the United States;
- (3) to offer to assist, through the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, with

the relocation of such political prisoners to other countries if requested, as appropriate and with appropriate consideration for the national security interests of the United States; and

- (4) to publicly call for the release of Iranian dissidents by name and raise awareness with respect to individual cases of Iranian dissidents and prisoners of conscience, as appropriate and if requested by the dissidents or prisoners themselves or their families.

(Pub. L. 112-158, title IV, §415, Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1257.)

SUBCHAPTER V—MISCELLANEOUS

**§ 8771. Exclusion of citizens of Iran seeking education relating to the nuclear and energy sectors of Iran**

**(a) In general**

The Secretary of State shall deny a visa to, and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall exclude from the United States, any alien who is a citizen of Iran that the Secretary of State determines seeks to enter the United States to participate in coursework at an institution of higher education (as defined in section 1001(a) of title 20) to prepare the alien for a career in the energy sector of Iran or in nuclear science or nuclear engineering or a related field in Iran.

**(b) Applicability**

Subsection (a) applies with respect to visa applications filed on or after August 10, 2012.

(Pub. L. 112-158, title V, §501, Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1258.)

TERMINATION OF SECTION

*For termination of section, see section 8785(a) of this title.*

**§ 8772. Interests in certain financial assets of Iran**

**(a) Interests in blocked assets**

**(1) In general**

Subject to paragraph (2), notwithstanding any other provision of law, including any provision of law relating to sovereign immunity, and preempting any inconsistent provision of State law, a financial asset that is—

- (A) held by or for a foreign securities intermediary doing business in the United States;
- (B) a blocked asset (whether or not subsequently unblocked), or an asset that would be blocked if the asset were located in the United States, that is property described in subsection (b); and
- (C) equal in value to a financial asset of Iran, including an asset of the central bank or monetary authority of the Government of Iran or any agency or instrumentality of that Government, that such foreign securities intermediary or a related intermediary holds abroad,

shall be subject to execution or attachment in aid of execution, or to an order directing that the asset be brought to the State in which the court is located and subsequently to execution