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S. 2096

To amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign programs and centers for the treatment of victims of torture, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 14, 2005

Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. DAYTON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mrs. BOXER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Torture Victims Relief
5 Reauthorization Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

7 It is the policy of the United States—

1 (1) to ensure that, in its support abroad for
2 programs and centers for the treatment of victims of
3 torture, particular incentives and support should be
4 given to establishing and supporting such programs
5 and centers in emerging democracies, in post-conflict
6 environments, and, with a view to providing services
7 to refugees and internally displaced persons, in areas
8 as close to ongoing conflict as safely as possible; and

9 (2) to ensure that, in its support for domestic
10 programs and centers for the treatment of victims of
11 torture, particular attention should be given to re-
12 gions with significant immigrant or refugee popu-
13 lations.

14 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR DOMES-**
15 **TIC TREATMENT CENTERS FOR VICTIMS OF**
16 **TORTURE.**

17 Section 5(b)(1) of the Torture Victims Relief Act of
18 1998 (22 U.S.C. 2152 note) is amended to read as follows:

19 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of
20 the amounts authorized to be appropriated for the
21 Department of Health and Human Services for fis-
22 cal years 2006 and 2007, there are authorized to be
23 appropriated to carry out subsection (a)
24 \$25,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2006 and
25 2007.”.

