

1 (2) by adding at the end the following new
2 clause:

3 “(iii) Any activity involving one or
4 more members of an organization des-
5 ignated as a foreign terrorist organization
6 pursuant to section 219 of the Immigra-
7 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189)
8 or an individual designated as a specially
9 designated global terrorist pursuant to Ex-
10 ecutive Order 13224 (50 U.S.C. 1701
11 note; relating to blocking property and pro-
12 hibiting transactions with persons who
13 commit, threaten to commit, or support
14 terrorism).”.

15 **SEC. 1214. SENSE OF SENATE ON SPECIAL IMMIGRANT VISA**
16 **PROGRAM FOR AFGHAN ALLIES.**

17 It is the sense of the Senate that—

18 (1) the special immigrant visa program for Af-
19 ghan allies is critical to the mission in Afghanistan
20 and the long-term interests of the United States;

21 (2) maintaining a robust special immigrant visa
22 program for Afghan allies is necessary to support
23 United States Government personnel in Afghanistan
24 who need translation, interpretation, security, and
25 other services;

1 (3) Afghan allies routinely risk their lives to as-
2 sist United States military and diplomatic personnel;

3 (4) honoring the commitments made to Afghan
4 allies with respect to the special immigrant visa pro-
5 gram is essential to ensuring—

6 (A) the continued service and safety of
7 such allies; and

8 (B) the willingness of other like-minded in-
9 dividuals to provide similar services in any fu-
10 ture contingency;

11 (5) the Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009 (8
12 U.S.C. 1101 note) states that all Government-con-
13 trolled processing of applications for special immi-
14 grant visas under that Act “should be completed not
15 later than 9 months after the date on which an eligi-
16 ble alien submits all required materials to complete
17 an application for such visa”;

18 (6) any backlog in processing special immigrant
19 visa applications should be addressed as quickly as
20 possible so as to honor the United States commit-
21 ment to Afghan allies as soon as possible;

22 (7) failure to process such applications in an
23 expeditious manner puts lives at risk and jeopardizes
24 a critical element of support to United States oper-
25 ations in Afghanistan; and

