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H. R. 9545

To provide for the electronic submission of domestic violence information and communications with visa applicants, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

Ms. SALAZAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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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 “Visa Processing Im-
5 provement and Paperwork Reduction Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF DOMESTIC VIO-**
7 **LENCE INFORMATION.**

8 Section 833(a)(5)(A) of the Violence Against Women
9 and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005

1 (8 U.S.C. 1375a(a)(5)(A)) is amended by adding at the
2 end the following:

3 “(vi) Subject to such regulations as
4 the Secretary of State may prescribe, mail-
5 ings under this subsection may be trans-
6 mitted by electronic means.”.

7 **SEC. 3. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION WITH VISA APPLI-**
8 **CANTS.**

9 Section 222 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
10 (8 U.S.C. 1202) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(i) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act,
13 any requirement under this Act to communicate with visa
14 applicant by standard mail shall be satisfied if an elec-
15 tronic communication is sent to the applicant at an elec-
16 tronic mail address provided by the applicant in connec-
17 tion with the pending application.”.

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