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S. 3104

To make ideologically motivated crimes eligible for the death penalty.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KENNEDY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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penalty.

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 “Ideologically Motivated
5 Violence Accountability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEATH PENALTY FOR IDEOLOGICALLY MOTIVATED**
7 **CRIMES.**

8 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

9 (1) The intentional targeting of individuals
10 based on their ideological, religious or political be-

1 beliefs, or affiliations poses a great threat to demo-
2 cratic society.

3 (2) Such attacks function not only as personal
4 crimes but as coercive acts of ideological intimidat-
5 ion, deterring free political and religious expression
6 and endangering communities exercising constitu-
7 tional rights.

8 (3) Violence against individuals because of their
9 political or religious beliefs, whether committed to si-
10 lence dissent, to make a political statement, or to
11 punish perceived opponents, undermines public safe-
12 ty, civil liberties, and the rule of law.

13 (4) The Government has a compelling interest
14 in ensuring that individuals are not silenced or tar-
15 geted because of their lawful political or religious be-
16 liefs.

17 (b) DEATH PENALTY.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3592(c) of title 18,
19 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
20 end the following:

21 “(17) IDEOLOGICAL MOTIVE.—The defendant
22 committed the offense with the intent to—

23 “(A) target the victim wholly or in part be-
24 cause of the victim’s actual or perceived polit-

1 ical or religious beliefs, affiliation, expression,
2 or activity; or

3 “(B) promote, retaliate against, influence,
4 protest, or otherwise make a public statement
5 concerning any political or religious belief, prac-
6 tice, institution, group, ideology, event, or pub-
7 lic figure.”.

8 (2) SENTENCING GUIDELINES.—The United
9 States Sentencing Commission shall amend the
10 United States Sentencing Commission Guidelines
11 Manual to conform with the amendment made in
12 paragraph (1), pursuant to its authority under sec-
13 tion 994(p) of title 28, United States Code.

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