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# S. 1585

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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## 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 “Global Democracy Pro-  
5 motion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ASSISTANCE FOR FOREIGN NONGOVERNMENTAL**  
2 **ORGANIZATIONS UNDER PART I OF THE FOR-**  
3 **EIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961.**

4 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, regula-  
5 tion, or policy, in determining eligibility for assistance au-  
6 thorized under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of  
7 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.), foreign nongovernmental  
8 organizations—

9 (1) shall not be ineligible for such assistance  
10 solely on the basis of health or medical services, in-  
11 cluding counseling and referral services, provided by  
12 such organizations with non-United States Govern-  
13 ment funds if such services do not violate the laws  
14 of the country in which they are being provided and  
15 would not violate United States Federal law if pro-  
16 vided in the United States; and

17 (2) shall not be subject to requirements relating  
18 to the use of non-United States Government funds  
19 for advocacy and lobbying activities other than those  
20 that apply to United States nongovernmental organi-  
21 zations receiving assistance under part I of such  
22 Act.

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