



## **Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act (S.3744)** **Passed unanimously in the Senate on May 14, 2020**

Senator Marco Rubio (R) and Senator Robert Menendez (D) introduced the Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act to address gross human rights violations against Uyghurs and other predominantly Muslim Turkic ethnic groups. The bill had 70 original co-sponsors and passed the Senate by unanimous consent on May 14, 2020. When passed by the House of Representatives and signed by the President, it will become law.

This legislation:

- Updates U.S. policy towards China to address human rights in the Uyghur Region.
- Directs the President to impose visa bans and financial sanctions on Chinese officials responsible for atrocities against Uyghurs, under the provisions of the Global Magnitsky Act.
- Requires the Secretary of State to prepare a comprehensive public report on human rights abuses in East Turkistan and U.S. diplomatic responses.
- Requires the Federal Bureau of Investigation to submit a report to the Congress on efforts to protect Uyghurs and Chinese nationals legally residing in the United States from Chinese government intimidation and harassment within the United States.
- Requires two reports from the Director of National Intelligence on:
  - (1) security and economic threats caused by the Chinese government's crackdown and policies of repression against the Uyghur population, actions by other governments to forcibly return Turkic Muslim refugees and asylum seekers to China, and the development or transfer of technology that facilitates mass internment and surveillance, and
  - (2) the ability of the U.S. government to collect and analyze intelligence regarding to the scope and scale of the detention and forced labor of Uyghurs.