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Requesting information on the Republic of Sierra Leone's human rights practices pursuant to section 502B(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. KAINE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON SIERRA**
3 **LEONE'S HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES.**

4 (a) STATEMENT REQUESTED.—The Senate requests
5 that the Secretary of State, not later than 30 days after
6 the date of the adoption of this resolution, submit to the
7 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the
8 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representa-
9 tives, pursuant to section 502B(c) of the Foreign Assist-
10 ance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2304(c)), a statement re-

1 regarding Sierra Leone's human rights practices that has
2 been prepared in collaboration with the Assistant Sec-
3 retary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor
4 and the Office of the Legal Adviser at the Department
5 of State.

6 (b) ELEMENTS.—The statement submitted pursuant
7 to subsection (a) should include—

8 (1) all available credible information concerning
9 alleged violations of internationally recognized
10 human rights by the Government of Sierra Leone,
11 including—

12 (A) arbitrary and unlawful arrest, deten-
13 tion, imprisonment, torture and cruel or inhu-
14 mane treatment, including of people who are
15 not citizens of Sierra Leone but have been re-
16 moved to Sierra Leone by the United States
17 Government;

18 (B) violations of due process rights, includ-
19 ing a description of any opportunity provided to
20 people who are not citizens of Sierra Leone but
21 have been removed to Sierra Leone by the
22 United States Government to demonstrate that
23 they have been wrongfully arrested, detained, or
24 imprisoned;

1 (C) enforced disappearances and arbitrary
2 or unlawful killings, including extrajudicial
3 killings, including of people who are not citizens
4 of Sierra Leone but have been removed to Si-
5 erra Leone by the United States Government;

6 (D) trafficking in persons, including forced
7 or slave labor, including of people who are not
8 citizens of Sierra Leone but have been removed
9 to Sierra Leone by the United States Govern-
10 ment; and

11 (E) treatment of and legal rights and sta-
12 tus provided by the Government of Sierra
13 Leone to people in Sierra Leone who are not
14 citizens of Sierra Leone but have been removed
15 to Sierra Leone by the United States Govern-
16 ment;

17 (2) a description of the steps the United States
18 Government has taken—

19 (A) to promote respect for and observance
20 of human rights as part of the Government of
21 Sierra Leone's activities;

22 (B) to discourage any practices that are
23 inimical to internationally recognized human
24 rights;

1 (C) to publicly or privately call attention
2 to, and disassociate the United States and any
3 security assistance provided for the Government
4 of Sierra Leone from, any practices described in
5 subparagraph (B); and

6 (D) to assess, prior to removal, how the
7 Government of Sierra Leone would treat people
8 who are not citizens of Sierra Leone but have
9 been removed to Sierra Leone by the United
10 States Government, including—

11 (i) conducting individualized assess-
12 ments of such individuals to determine
13 whether the Government of Sierra Leone
14 may send that person to their country of
15 origin or last residence, and if so, whether
16 the Government of Sierra Leone would
17 provide them with meaningful opportunity
18 before their removal to show that they may
19 be persecuted, tortured, or otherwise
20 harmed; and

21 (ii) ensuring that the Government of
22 Sierra Leone would provide such individ-
23 uals with legal immigration status, should
24 they wish to remain in Sierra Leone, and
25 would be treated humanely; and

1 (3) other information, including—

2 (A) an assessment from the Secretary of
3 State of the likelihood that United States secu-
4 rity assistance (as defined in section 502B(d) of
5 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
6 2304(d))) provided to Sierra Leone could be
7 used in support of activities by government offi-
8 cials related to the rendition, trafficking, deten-
9 tion, or imprisonment of people who are not
10 citizens of Sierra Leone but have been removed
11 to Sierra Leone by the United States Govern-
12 ment;

13 (B) any analysis conducted by the United
14 States Government of the conditions to be faced
15 in Sierra Leone by people who are not citizens
16 of Sierra Leone but have been removed to Si-
17 erra Leone by the United States Government,
18 prior to the rendition, removal, trafficking, de-
19 tention, or imprisonment of such individuals to
20 Sierra Leone;

21 (C) an assessment from the Secretary of
22 State of the conditions in any detention centers
23 or prisons in Sierra Leone that may hold people
24 who are not citizens of Sierra Leone but have
25 been removed to Sierra Leone by the United

1 States Government, including an assessment of
2 allegations of torture and other gross violations
3 of human rights;

4 (D) a description of any actions that the
5 United States Government is taking to ensure
6 that the Government of Sierra Leone returns
7 people who are not citizens of Sierra Leone but
8 have been removed to Sierra Leone by the
9 United States Government, in compliance with
10 United States court orders regarding their re-
11 turn to the United States;

12 (E) a description of any actions that the
13 United States Government is taking to address
14 the risk of detention, torture, or forced dis-
15 appearances of people who are not citizens of
16 Sierra Leone but have been removed to Sierra
17 Leone by the United States Government, or ef-
18 forts to facilitate the detention, torture, or
19 forced disappearances of such people;

20 (F) a description of any actions the United
21 States Government is taking to protect people
22 who are not citizens of Sierra Leone but are
23 within the United States' jurisdiction or effec-
24 tive control from unlawful rendering, traf-

1 ficking, or other means of removal to Sierra
2 Leone;

3 (G) all information regarding any agree-
4 ment or financial transaction between the
5 United States Government and the Government
6 of Sierra Leone related to the rendition, re-
7 moval, trafficking, detention, or imprisonment
8 of individuals who are not citizens of Sierra
9 Leone but have been removed to Sierra Leone
10 by the United States Government;

11 (H) all information regarding any individ-
12 uals sent to Sierra Leone by the United States
13 Government in 2025 and 2026;

14 (I) a description of any actions that the
15 United States Government is taking to facilitate
16 the release or return of people who are not citi-
17 zens of Sierra Leone but have been wrongfully
18 removed to Sierra Leone by the United States
19 Government;

20 (J) all information regarding any assur-
21 ances the United States Government sought or
22 received regarding the treatment of people who
23 are not citizens of Sierra Leone but have been
24 removed to Sierra Leone by the United States

1 Government, prior to the rendition, removal, or
2 trafficking of such individuals to Sierra Leone;

3 (K) all information regarding assurances
4 the United States Government sought or re-
5 ceived regarding the further rendition, traf-
6 ficking, removal, or transfer of people who are
7 not citizens of Sierra Leone, but have been re-
8 moved to Sierra Leone by the United States
9 Government to countries that are not Sierra
10 Leone, including the human rights conditions
11 for such individuals in those countries; and

12 (L) a summary of all meetings in 2025
13 and 2026 between Government of Sierra Leone
14 officials and Washington-based officials of the
15 United States Government.