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To amend the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prohibit the live broadcast of military executions, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VINDMAN (for himself, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. WHITESIDES, and Ms. GOODLANDER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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A BILL

To amend the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prohibit the live broadcast of military executions, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON LIVE BROADCAST OF EXECUTIONS UNDER THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE.

(a) PROHIBITION.—Subchapter VIII of chapter 47 of title 10, United States Code (the Uniform Code of Military Justice), is amended by inserting after section 857 (article 57) the following new section (article):

"§ 857a. Art. 57a. Prohibition on live broadcast of executions

''(a) PROHIBITIONS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law—

''(1) an execution carried out pursuant to a sentence of death adjudicated under this chapter may not be broadcast live to the public; and

''(2) video footage of such an execution may not be made available for viewing by members of the public after the execution occurs.

''(b) DEFINITION.—In this section (article), the term 'broadcast live to the public' means to transmit video footage of an execution-—

''(1) while such execution is occurring; and

''(2) in such a manner that the footage is viewable by members of the public outside the physical area in which the execution is occurring.''.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply with respect to any execution carried out pursuant to a sentence of death adjudicated under chapter 47 of title 10, United States Code (the Uniform Code of Military Justice), before, on, or after such date.

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