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# H. R. 9099

To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to notify a designated point of contact of release of a detained individual, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KENNEDY of New York (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. MENG, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. WALKINSHAW, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. NADLER, and Mr. ESPAILLAT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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 “DHS Release Trans-  
5 parency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NOTIFICATION OF RELEASE OF A DETAINED INDI-**  
2 **VIDUAL.**

3 (a) POINT OF CONTACT.—At the time at which an  
4 individual is taken into custody of U.S. Customs and Bor-  
5 der Protection or U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforce-  
6 ment, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall provide  
7 the individual with the option to—

8 (1) designate a point of contact to receive up-  
9 dates with respect to that individual; and

10 (2) provide the name and contact information  
11 of such point of contact.

12 (b) NOTIFICATION.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Prior to the release of any  
14 individual from the custody of the U.S. Customs and  
15 Border Protection or U.S. Immigration and Customs  
16 Enforcement, other than those who have only been  
17 held at a port of entry for less than 12 hours, the  
18 Secretary of Homeland Security shall notify the  
19 point of contact designated under subsection (a), if  
20 a point of contact is so designated, of such release.

21 (2) ATTEMPTS TO NOTIFY.—The Secretary of  
22 Homeland Security shall attempt to notify a des-  
23 ignated point of contact at least twice.

24 (c) TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION SERV-  
25 ICES.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall provide  
26 translation and interpretation services to—

1           (1) the detainee, in such language as the de-  
2           tainee may choose, when requesting the optional des-  
3           ignation of a point of contact under subsection (a);  
4           and

5           (2) if applicable, the point of contact, in such  
6           language as the point of contact may choose, when  
7           making the notification required under subsection  
8           (b).

9           (d) LIMITATION.—No information collected under  
10          this section may be used for enforcement purposes.

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