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# H. R. 4501

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 9, 2016

Mr. SALMON (for himself, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. CONNOLLY, and Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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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 “Distribution and Pro-  
5 motion of Rights and Knowledge Act of 2016” or the  
6 “DPRK Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACTIONS TO PROMOTE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**  
2 **AND DEMOCRACY IN NORTH KOREA.**

3 The North Korea Human Rights Act of 2004 is  
4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a) of section 103 (22 U.S.C.  
6 7813)—

7 (A) by striking “radio broadcasting” and  
8 inserting “broadcasting, including news re-  
9 broadcasting,”; and

10 (B) by striking “increase broadcasts” and  
11 inserting “increase such broadcasts, including  
12 news rebroadcasts,”; and

13 (2) in subsection (a) of section 104 (22 U.S.C.  
14 7814)—

15 (A) by striking “The President” and in-  
16 serting the following:

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The President”;

18 (B) by inserting “, USB drives, micro SD  
19 cards, audio players, video players, cell phones,  
20 wi-fi, wireless internet, webpages, internet, wire-  
21 less telecommunications, and other electronic  
22 media that shares information” before the pe-  
23 riod at the end; and

24 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
25 paragraphs:

1           “(2) DISTRIBUTION.—In accordance with the  
2       sense of Congress described in section 103, the  
3       President, acting through the Secretary of State, is  
4       authorized to distribute or provide grants to dis-  
5       tribute information receiving devices, electronically  
6       readable devices, and other informational sources  
7       into North Korea, including devices and informa-  
8       tional sources specified in paragraph (1). To carry  
9       out this paragraph, the President is authorized to  
10      issue regulations to facilitate the free-flow of infor-  
11      mation into North Korea.

12           “(3) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT GRANT  
13      PROGRAM.—In accordance with the authorization de-  
14      scribed in paragraphs (1) and (2) to increase the  
15      availability and distribution of sources of informa-  
16      tion inside North Korea, the President, acting  
17      through the Secretary of State, is authorized to es-  
18      tablish a grant program to make grants to eligible  
19      entities to develop or distribute (or both) new prod-  
20      ucts or methods to allow North Koreans easier ac-  
21      cess to outside information. Such program may in-  
22      volve public-private partnerships.

23           “(4) CULTURE.—In accordance with the sense  
24      of Congress described in section 103, the Broad-  
25      casting Board of Governors may broadcast Amer-

1        ican, Korean, Chinese, and other popular music, tel-  
2        evision, movies, and popular cultural references as  
3        part of its programming.

4            “(5) RIGHTS AND LAWS.—In accordance with  
5        the sense of Congress described in section 103, the  
6        Broadcasting Board of Governors shall broadcast to  
7        North Korea in the Korean language information on  
8        rights, laws, and freedoms afforded through the  
9        North Korean Constitution, the Universal Declara-  
10       tion of Human Rights, the United Nations Commis-  
11       sion of Inquiry on Human Rights in the Democratic  
12       People’s Republic of Korea, and any other applicable  
13       treaties or international agreements to which North  
14       Korea is bound.

15           “(6) BROADCASTING REPORT.—Not later  
16        than—

17           “(A) 180 days after the date of the enact-  
18        ment of this paragraph, the Secretary of State,  
19        in consultation with the Broadcasting Board of  
20        Governors, shall submit to the appropriate con-  
21        gressional committees a report that sets forth a  
22        detailed plan for improving broadcasting con-  
23        tent for the purpose of targeting new audiences  
24        and increasing listenership; and

1           “(B) one year after the date of the enact-  
2           ment of this paragraph and annually thereafter  
3           for each of the next five years, the Secretary of  
4           State, in consultation with the Broadcasting  
5           Board of Governors, shall submit to the appro-  
6           priate congressional committees a report on the  
7           effectiveness of actions taken pursuant to this  
8           section, including data reflecting audience and  
9           listenership, device distribution and usage, tech-  
10          nological development and advancement usage,  
11          and other appropriate information to fully in-  
12          form Congress.”.

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