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114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the use of Urban Area Security Initiative and State Homeland Security Grant Program funding to counter violent extremism.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. WALKER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Countering Violent Ex-
5 tremism Grants Act” or the “CVE Grants Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The recent terrorist attacks in Paris, Syd-
2 ney, and Ottawa demonstrate that violent Islamist
3 extremism is on the rise and that the threat from
4 homegrown terrorism is high.

5 (2) The United States and its allies are leading
6 targets of extremist propaganda and terrorist re-
7 cruitment.

8 (3) Terrorist groups are seeking to enlist a new
9 generation of extremists and are using sophisticated
10 tools, including social media, to radicalize across
11 borders.

12 (4) State and local authorities are on the
13 frontlines of combating domestic radicalization and
14 need the appropriate tools to deter, detect, and dis-
15 rupt extremist efforts to influence and recruit Amer-
16 icans.

17 (5) Too few initiatives exist to help commu-
18 nities understand the threat, prevent domestic
19 radicalization, counter the narrative of extremists,
20 and provide pathways to deradicalization for individ-
21 uals who have become radicalized so they do not re-
22 sort to violence.

23 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to author-
24 ize the use of Urban Area Security Initiative and State
25 Homeland Security Grant Program funds for countering

1 violent extremism and to ensure that State and local offi-
2 cials are aware that Federal resources are available for
3 this urgent homeland security priority.

4 **SEC. 3. USE OF CERTAIN HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT**
5 **FUNDS TO COUNTER VIOLENT EXTREMISM.**

6 Section 2008 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
7 (6 U.S.C. 609) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a), by redesignating para-
9 graphs (6) through (13) as paragraphs (7) through
10 (14), respectively, and by inserting after paragraph
11 (5) the following:

12 “(6) countering violent extremism, including—

13 “(A) training programs;

14 “(B) the development, implementation, or
15 expansion of programs to engage communities
16 that may be targeted by violent extremist
17 radicalization; and

18 “(C) the development and implementation
19 of projects to partner with local communities to
20 prevent radicalization to violence;” and

21 (2) in subsection (b)(3)(B), by striking
22 “(a)(10)” and inserting “(a)(11)”.

23 **SEC. 4. TRANSPARENCY.**

24 The Assistant Administrator of the Grant Programs
25 Directorate of the Federal Emergency Management Agen-

1 cy shall report annually to the Committee on Homeland
2 Security of the House of Representatives and the Com-
3 mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
4 of the Senate on the use of funding under sections 2003
5 and 2004 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C.
6 604, 605) to counter violent extremism, including a list
7 of recipients of funds, the types of projects funded, and
8 the amount of grant funding used for each project.