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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McCaul (for himself, Mr. Loudermilk, Mr. Fleischmann, and Mr. Katko) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

To combat terrorist recruitment in the United States, and
for other purposes.

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) Short Title.—This Act may be cited as the
“Countering Terrorist Radicalization Act”.

(b) Table of Contents.—The table of contents of
this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—AMPLIFYING LOCAL EFFORTS TO ROOT OUT TERROR

Sec. 101. Countering violent extremism training.
Sec. 102. Countering violent extremism assessment.
Sec. 103. Department-sponsored clearances.
Sec. 101. Countering Violent Extremism Training.

(a) Authorization of Training.—The Secretary of Homeland Security is authorized to provide training for personnel, including Department of Homeland Security personnel, State, local, tribal, and territorial representatives at State and major urban area fusion centers for the purpose of administering community awareness briefings and related activities in furtherance of the Department’s efforts to counter violent extremism, identify and report suspicious activities, and increase awareness of and more quickly identify terrorism threats, including the travel or attempted travel of individuals from the United States to support a foreign terrorist organization (as such term is described in section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189)) abroad.

(b) Coordination.—To the extent practicable, in providing the training under subsection (a), the Secretary shall coordinate with the heads of other Federal agencies
engaged in community outreach related to countering vio-

tent extremism and shall also coordinate with such agen-
cies in the administration of related activities, including
community awareness briefings.

SEC. 102. COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM ASSESSMENT.

(a) Assessment Required.—Not later than 120
days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
retary of Homeland Security, in consultation with appro-
priate State, local, tribal, and territorial representatives,
shall assess the efforts of the Department of Homeland
Security to support countering violent extremism at the
State, local, tribal, and territorial levels. Such assessment
shall include each of the following:

(1) A cataloging of departmental efforts to as-
sist State, local, tribal, and territorial governments
in countering violent extremism.

(2) A review of cooperative agreements between
the Department and such governments relating to
countering violent extremism.

(3) An evaluation of departmental plans and
any potential opportunities to better support such
governments that are in furtherance of the Depart-
ment’s countering violent extremism objectives and
are consistent with all relevant constitutional, legal,
and privacy protections.
(b) Submission to Congress.—Not later than 150 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and consistent with the protection of classified information, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees the findings of the assessment required under subsection (a) together with any related information regarding best practices for countering violent extremism at the State, local, tribal, and territorial levels.

SEC. 103. DEPARTMENT-SPONSORED CLEARANCES.

Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall notify the appropriate congressional committees of the number of employees of State, local, tribal, and territorial governments with security clearances sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security. Such notification shall include a detailed list of the agencies that employ such employees, the level of clearance held by such employees, and whether such employees are assigned as representatives to State and major urban area fusion centers.

SEC. 104. DEFINITIONS.

In this title:

(1) The term “appropriate congressional committees” means—
(A) the Committee on Homeland Security and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives; and

(B) the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate.

(2) The term “violent extremism” means ideologically motivated international terrorism or domestic terrorism, as such terms are defined in section 2331 of title 18, United States Code.

TITLE II—COUNTERMESSAGING TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS

SEC. 201. DIRECTIVE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall incorporate, to the extent practicable, into Department of Homeland Security efforts to combat terrorist recruitment and communications the public testimonials of former violent extremists or their associates, including friends and family. Such efforts may include the following:

(1) Countermessaging of foreign terrorist organization communications and narratives.

(2) Related community engagement and public education efforts.

(b) COORDINATION.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall, where appropriate, coordinate the efforts de-
scribed in subsection (a) with the heads of other Federal
departments and agencies, as appropriate, and, to the ex-
tent practicable, engage nongovernmental and inter-
national partners in the identification and use of
testimonials described in such subsection.

(c) Rule of Construction.—Nothing in this sec-
tion may be construed to require the Secretary of Home-
land Security to collect testimonials directly from former
violent extremists or their associates, including friends and
family.

TITLE III—COUNTERTERRORISM
ADVISORY BOARD

SEC. 301. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
COUNTERTERRORISM ADVISORY BOARD.

(a) In General.—At the end of subtitle A of title
et seq.) insert the following new section:

“SEC. 210G. DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION ON COUNTER-
TERRORISM.

“(a) Establishment.—There is in the Department
a board to be composed of senior representatives of de-
partmental operational components and headquarters ele-
ments. The purpose of the board shall be to coordinate
and integrate departmental intelligence, activities, and
policy related to the counterterrorism mission and functions of the Department.

“(b) CHARTER.—There shall be a charter to govern the structure and mission of the board. Such charter shall direct the board to focus on the current threat environment and the importance of aligning departmental counterterrorism activities under the Secretary’s guidance. The charter shall be reviewed and updated every four years, as appropriate.

“(c) MEMBERS.—

“(1) CHAIR.—The Secretary shall appoint a Coordinator for Counterterrorism within the Department who will serve as the chair of the board.

“(2) ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—The Secretary shall appoint additional members of the board from among the following:

“(A) The Transportation Security Administration.

“(B) United States Customs and Border Protection.

“(C) United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement.


“(E) The Coast Guard.

“(G) The United States Secret Service.

“(H) The National Protection and Programs Directorate.

“(I) The Office of Operations Coordination.


“(K) The Office of Intelligence and Analysis.

“(L) The Office of Policy.

“(M) The Science and Technology Directorate.

“(N) Other Departmental offices and programs as determined appropriate by the Secretary.

“(d) MEETINGS.—The board shall meet on a regular basis to discuss intelligence and coordinate ongoing threat mitigation efforts and departmental activities, including coordination with other Federal, State, local, tribal, territorial, and private sector partners, and shall make recommendations to the Secretary.

“(e) TERRORISM ALERTS.—The board shall advise the Secretary on the issuance of terrorism alerts pursuant to section 203 of this Act.
“(f) Prohibition on Additional Funds.—No additional funds are authorized to carry out this section.”.

(b) Clerical Amendment.—The table of contents in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 210F the following new item: “Sec. 210G. Departmental coordination on counterterrorism.”.

(e) Report.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary, acting through the Coordinator for Counterterrorism, shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report on the status and activities of the board established under section 210G of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as added by subsection (a).

TITLE IV—PROHIBITION ON NEW FUNDING

SEC. 401. PROHIBITION ON NEW FUNDING.

No additional funds are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act or the amendments made by this Act.