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To authorize certain counter terrorist networks activities of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 6, 2017

Mr. VELA (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, and Mr. KATKO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

A BILL

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and for other purposes.

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 “Counter Terrorist Net-
5 work Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DUTY TO COUNTER TERRORIST NETWORKS; DE-**
7 **TAILS AND ASSIGNMENT.**

8 Section 411 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
9 (6 U.S.C. 211) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (g)(4)—

11 (A) in subparagraph (C)—

12 (i) in clause (vi), by striking “and” at
13 the end;

14 (ii) by redesignating clause (vii) as
15 clause (viii); and

16 (iii) by inserting after clause (vi) the
17 following new clause:

18 “(vii) collaborate with appropriate
19 agencies, including Federal, State, local,
20 tribal, and international entities, to en-
21 hance border security through operations
22 such as operations that seek to disrupt and
23 dismantle networks, including foreign ter-
24 rorist organizations (as such term is de-
25 scribed in section 219 of the Immigration

1 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189)), that
2 pose terrorist or other threats; and”;

3 (2) by redesignating subsections (p) through (r)
4 as subsections (q) through (s), respectively; and

5 (3) by inserting after subsection (o) the fol-
6 lowing new subsection:

7 “(p) ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL.—The Commis-
8 sioner may detail or otherwise assign personnel of U.S.
9 Customs and Border Protection to other appropriate agen-
10 cies, including to serve overseas in support of global infor-
11 mation sharing partnership operations in furtherance of
12 enhancing border security, including by preventing entry
13 into the United States by individuals known or suspected
14 of being associated with a network, including a foreign ter-
15 rorist organization (as such term is described in section
16 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
17 1189)), that poses terrorist or other threats.”.

18 **SEC. 3. BRIEFINGS.**

19 The Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Pro-
20 tection shall biannually brief the Committee on Homeland
21 Security of the House of Representatives and the Com-
22 mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
23 of the Senate regarding activities, during the prior six
24 months, in furtherance of clause (vii) of section 411(g)(4)
25 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C.

1 211(g)(4)), as added by section 2 of this Act. Such brief-
2 ings may be provided in a classified setting if the Commis-
3 sioner determines such is appropriate.