

**SUBSTITUTE TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE
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OFFERED BY MR. THOMPSON OF MISSISSIPPI**

Strike section 2 and insert the following:

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY STRATEGY**
2 **TO COUNTER EXTREMIST VIOLENCE IN THE**
3 **UNITED STATES.**

4 (a) STRATEGY.—Not later than 90 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-
6 land Security shall submit to the Committee on Homeland
7 Security of the House of Representatives and the Com-
8 mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
9 of the Senate a comprehensive Department of Homeland
10 Security strategy to counter extremist violence in the
11 United States.

12 (b) CONTENTS OF THE STRATEGY.—The strategy re-
13 quired under subsection (a) shall include, at a minimum,
14 a consideration of the following:

15 (1) An analysis of the homeland security risk
16 posed by extremist violence based on documented
17 threats and empirical data assessing different types
18 of incidents of extremist violence.

1 (2) Information on the Department of Home-
2 land Security's near-term, mid-term, and long-term
3 risk-based goals for countering extremist violence,
4 reflecting the risk analysis conducted pursuant to
5 paragraph (1).

6 (3) Departmental efforts to undertake research
7 to improve the Department of Homeland Security's
8 understanding of the risk of extremist violence and
9 to identify activities and programs, including out-
10 reach, training, and information sharing programs,
11 whose effectiveness has been validated through em-
12 pirical research by one or more independent, quali-
13 fied institutions and whose performance can be
14 measured.

15 (4) The opportunities and obstacles associated
16 with the establishment of a program that leverages
17 emerging and existing social media and Internet
18 platforms to directly and indirectly counter extremist
19 violence propaganda, and whether such a program
20 should be administered by the Department of Home-
21 land Security.

22 (5) Specific information on what funding re-
23 sources the Secretary of Homeland Security will
24 need to execute the strategy in furtherance of near-
25 term, mid-term, and long-term goals, including in-

1 formation on the necessary number of dedicated,
2 permanent staff, and whether a standing office with
3 an Assistant Secretary is necessary.

4 (6) Safeguards against religious, ethnic, and ra-
5 cial discrimination, including profiling.

6 (7) Departmental efforts to help promote com-
7 munity engagement and partnerships to counter ex-
8 tremist violence in furtherance of such strategy.

9 (8) Departmental efforts to help increase sup-
10 port for local, community-led programs and initia-
11 tives to counter extremist violence, predominantly by
12 identifying opportunities within existing appropria-
13 tions, that are in furtherance of such strategy, ad-
14 here to all relevant constitutional, legal, and privacy
15 protections, and whose performance can be meas-
16 ured.

17 (9) Departmental efforts to disseminate infor-
18 mation to local law enforcement and the general
19 public information on resources, such as training
20 guidance, workshop reports, and the extremist vio-
21 lence threat, through multiple platforms, including
22 the development of a dedicated webpage.

23 (10) Departmental efforts to use cooperative
24 agreements with State, local, tribal, territorial, and

1 other Federal departments and agencies responsible
2 for efforts relating to countering extremist violence.

3 (11) Information on oversight mechanisms and
4 protections to ensure that activities and programs
5 undertaken pursuant to such strategy adhere to all
6 relevant constitutional, legal, and privacy protections
7 and do not have the purpose or anticipated effect of
8 encouraging private organizations or individuals to
9 collect information about religious activities, speech,
10 association, or other activities protected by the First
11 Amendment.

12 (12) Department efforts to conduct oversight of
13 all countering extremist violence training and train-
14 ing materials and other resources developed or fund-
15 ed by the Department of Homeland Security in
16 order to assess the compatibility with and impact on
17 First Amendment-protected speech, belief, and ac-
18 tivities and the Free Exercise and Establishment
19 Clauses of the First Amendment.

20 (13) Departmental efforts to foster trans-
21 parency by making, to the extent practicable, all reg-
22 ulations, guidance, documents, policies, and training
23 materials publicly available, including through any
24 webpage developed under paragraph (9).

1 (14) Lessons learned through engagement with
2 governmental officials and stakeholder communities
3 in other countries that have pursued programs to
4 counter extremist violence programs, including the
5 United Kingdom, Australia, and Canada.

6 (c) STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—Not later
7 than 180 days after the submission of the strategy re-
8 quired under subsection (a), the Secretary of Homeland
9 Security shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Se-
10 curity of the House of Representatives, the Committee on
11 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-
12 ate, and the Comptroller General of the United States an
13 implementation plan for each of the Department of Home-
14 land Security components and offices with responsibilities
15 under such strategy. Such implementation plan shall, at
16 a minimum, include an integrated master schedule and
17 cost estimate for activities and programs contained in such
18 implementation plan, with specificity on how each such ac-
19 tivity and program aligns with near-term, mid-term, and
20 long-term goals specified in such strategy and that each
21 such activity and program is validated through empirical
22 research by one or more independent, qualified institu-
23 tions.

24 (d) PERIODIC UPDATES.—Not later than 180 days
25 after the submission of each Quadrennial Homeland Secu-

1 rity Review required under section 707 of the Homeland
2 Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 347) beginning with the
3 first such review that is due after the implementation plan
4 is submitted under subsection (c), the Secretary of Home-
5 land Security shall submit to the Committee on Homeland
6 Security of the House of Representatives and the Com-
7 mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
8 of the Senate an updated—

9 (1) strategy under subsection (a); and

10 (2) strategic implementation plan under sub-
11 section (c).

12 (e) METRICS.—Not later than 120 days after the
13 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-
14 land Security shall implement metrics to evaluate the ef-
15 fectiveness of activities and programs executed in further-
16 ance of near-term, mid-term, and long-term goals in the
17 strategy required under subsection (a). The Secretary
18 shall maintain records on such activities and programs in
19 a format that can be used to evaluate the direct and indi-
20 rect impacts and outcomes of such activities and pro-
21 grams.

22 (f) EVALUATION BY THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNT-
23 ABILITY OFFICE.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland
25 shall make available to the Comptroller General of

1 the United States the data and related specific infor-
2 mation on the methodology used to develop the
3 metrics implemented pursuant to subsection (e).

4 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 270 days after re-
5 ceiving the data and related specific information on
6 the methodology used to develop the metrics imple-
7 mented pursuant to subsection (e), the Comptroller
8 General of the United States shall submit to the
9 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of
10 Representatives and the Committee on Homeland
11 Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a
12 report that evaluates the suitability and statistical
13 validity of such data and methodology with respect
14 to measuring the performance of activities and pro-
15 grams to counter extremist violence, including evalu-
16 ating the effectiveness of activities and programs ex-
17 ecuted in furtherance of near-term, mid-term, and
18 long-term goals in the strategy required under sub-
19 section (a).

20 **SEC. 3. VIOLENT EXTREMISM DEFINED.**

21 In this Act, the term “extremist violence” means
22 ideologically-, religiously-, or politically-motivated violent
23 criminal activity, including terrorist violence.

1 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 Out of funds made available to the Department of
3 Homeland Security for fiscal year 2016, \$2,000,0000 is
4 authorized to be used to carry out this Act.

