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115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4578

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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—

1 (1) in subsection (g)(4)—

2 (A) in subparagraph (C)—

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

5 (ii) by redesignating clause (vii) as
6 clause (viii); and

7 (iii) by inserting after clause (vi) the
8 following new clause:

9 “(vii) collaborate with appropriate
10 agencies, including Federal, State, local,
11 tribal, and international entities, to en-
12 hance border security through operations
13 such as operations that seek to disrupt and
14 dismantle networks, including foreign ter-
15 rorist organizations (as such term is de-
16 scribed in section 219 of the Immigration
17 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189)), that
18 pose terrorist or other threats; and”;

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

21 (3) by inserting after subsection (o) the fol-
22 lowing new subsection:

23 “(p) ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL.—The Commis-
24 sioner may detail or otherwise assign personnel of U.S.
25 Customs and Border Protection to other appropriate agen-

1 cies, including to serve overseas in support of global infor-
2 mation sharing partnership operations in furtherance of
3 enhancing border security, including by preventing entry
4 into the United States by individuals known or suspected
5 of being associated with a network, including a foreign ter-
6 rorist organization (as such term is described in section
7 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
8 1189)), that poses terrorist or other threats.”.

9 **SEC. 3. BRIEFINGS.**

10 The Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Pro-
11 tection shall biannually brief the Committee on Homeland
12 Security of the House of Representatives and Committee
13 on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the
14 Senate regarding activities, during the prior six months,
15 in furtherance of clause (vii) of section 411(g)(4) of the
16 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 211(g)(4)), as
17 added by section 2 of this Act. Such briefings may be pro-
18 vided in a classified setting if Commissioner determines
19 such is appropriate.