

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5678
OFFERED BY Ms. Torres Small

Page 3, beginning line 23, insert the following:

1 “(14) issuing guidance to relevant Department
2 component offices to ensure uniform disclosure poli-
3 cies and processes to administer section 552 of title
4 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the
5 ‘Freedom of Information Act’);”.

Page 5, line 8, strike the closing quotes and the second period.

Page 5, after line 8, add the following:

6 “(g) WORKING GROUP.—
7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Chief Privacy Officer,
8 or, if the Secretary determines appropriate, whoever
9 is designated by the Secretary as the Chief FOIA
10 Officer, shall establish and serve as the Chair of a
11 working group comprised of personnel from across
12 the Department who are involved in executing disclosure
13 policies and processes involved in administration of section 552 of title 5, United States Code
14 (commonly referred to as the ‘Freedom of Information
15 Act’).
16 tion Act’).

1 “(2) PURPOSE.—The working group established
2 in accordance with paragraph (1) shall be a forum—

3 “(A) for the sharing of information and
4 best practices; and

5 “(B) to develop solutions to challenges re-
6 lating to disclosure policies and processes re-
7 ferred to in such paragraph encountered within
8 Department component offices.

9 “(3) RESPONSIBILITIES.—Members of the
10 working group shall meet not less than once every
11 quarter to advise the Chair on matters concerning
12 disclosure policies and processes involved in the ad-
13 ministration of section 552 of title 5, United States
14 Code, including on the following matters:

15 “(A) The development of guidance for uni-
16 form disclosure policies and processes, in ac-
17 cordance with paragraph (14) of subsection (a).

18 “(B) Ways to reduce unnecessary
19 redundancies that may undermine the respon-
20 sive and efficient processing of requests for in-
21 formation under such section 552.”.

