

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**H. R.** _____

To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study and submit to Congress a report on the use of social media platforms and payment application platforms by drug traffickers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. PETTERSEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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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 [“_____ Act
5 of 2023”].

1 **SEC. 2. GAO STUDY AND REPORT ON USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA**
2 **AND PAYMENT APPLICATION PLATFORMS BY**
3 **DRUG TRAFFICKERS.**

4 (a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United
5 States shall conduct a study on the following:

6 (1) The extent to which and how drug traf-
7 fickers use social media platforms to advertise the
8 services of such drug traffickers, target potential
9 customers, and connect with potential customers.

10 (2) The extent to which and how drug traf-
11 fickers use social media platforms and payment ap-
12 plication platforms to complete business and finan-
13 cial transactions.

14 (3) The extent to which and how providers of
15 social media platforms, providers of payment appli-
16 cation platforms, and relevant financial institutions
17 identify and prevent the unlawful financial trans-
18 actions of drug traffickers, and what challenges may
19 hinder the ability of such providers and institutions
20 to effectively prevent such transactions.

21 (4) What actions Federal agencies have taken
22 to disrupt the unlawful financial transactions of
23 drug traffickers, and what is known about and how
24 such agencies measure the success of such actions.

25 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
26 of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall

1 submit to Congress a report on the results of the study
2 conducted under subsection (a).

3 (c) DRUG TRAFFICKER DEFINED.—In this section,
4 the term “drug trafficker” means a person who manufac-
5 tures, distributes, or dispenses, or possesses with intent
6 to manufacture, distribute, or dispense, a controlled sub-
7 stance in violation of the Controlled Substances Act (21
8 U.S.C. 801 et seq.).