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To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the National Urban Security Technology Laboratory, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DONOVAN (for himself, Miss RICE of New York, and Mr. KING of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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 “Supporting Research
5 and Development for First Responders Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL URBAN SECURITY TECHNOLOGY LAB-**
7 **ORATORY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Homeland Secu-
9 rity Act of 2002 is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating the second section 319 (re-
2 relating to EMP and GMD mitigation research and
3 development) as section 320; and

4 (2) by inserting after section 320, as so redesign-
5 nated, the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 321. NATIONAL URBAN SECURITY TECHNOLOGY LAB-**
7 **ORATORY.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
9 the Under Secretary for Science and Technology, shall
10 designate the laboratory described in subsection (b) as an
11 additional laboratory pursuant to the authority under sec-
12 tion 308(c)(2). Such laboratory shall be used to test and
13 evaluate emerging technologies and conduct research and
14 development to assist emergency response providers in
15 preparing for, and protecting against, threats of terrorism.

16 “(b) LABORATORY DESCRIBED.—The laboratory de-
17 scribed in this subsection is the laboratory—

18 “(1) known, as of the date of the enactment of
19 this section, as the National Urban Security Tech-
20 nology Laboratory;

21 “(2) previously known as the Environmental
22 Measurements Laboratory; and

23 “(3) transferred to the Department pursuant to
24 section 303(1)(E).

1 “(c) LABORATORY ACTIVITIES.—The laboratory des-
2 ignated pursuant to subsection (a), shall—

3 “(1) conduct tests, evaluations, and assess-
4 ments of current and emerging technologies for
5 emergency response providers;

6 “(2) conduct research and development on radi-
7 ological and nuclear response and recovery;

8 “(3) act as a technical advisor to emergency re-
9 sponse providers; and

10 “(4) carry out other such activities as the Sec-
11 retary determines appropriate.”.

12 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
13 in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by striking both
14 items relating to section 319 and the item relating to sec-
15 tion 318 and inserting the following:

“318. Social media working group.

“319. Transparency in research and development.

“320. EMP and GMD mitigation research and development.

“321. National Urban Security Technology Laboratory.”.

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