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H. R. 2116

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to conduct a law enforcement support and counter transnational repression public service announcement campaign, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EVANS of Colorado (for himself, Mr. PFLUGER, and Mr. MAGAZINER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Law Enforcement Sup-
5 port and Counter Transnational Repression Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT AND COUNTER**
2 **TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION PUBLIC SERV-**
3 **ICE ANNOUNCEMENT CAMPAIGN.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle H of title VIII of the
5 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 451 et seq.)
6 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

7 **“SEC. 890E. LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT AND COUNTER**
8 **TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION PUBLIC SERV-**
9 **ICE ANNOUNCEMENT CAMPAIGN.**

10 “(a) CAMPAIGN.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall direct
12 the Office of Partnership and Engagement of the
13 Department to conduct a public service announce-
14 ment campaign educating the public and inter-
15 national allies on the issue of transnational repres-
16 sion and terrorism threats related to transnational
17 repression and the resources available to victims of
18 transnational repression and terrorism threats re-
19 lated to transnational repression, including the ap-
20 propriate manners of contacting the Federal Bureau
21 of Investigation to anonymously report suspected
22 acts of transnational repression and terrorism
23 threats related to transnational repression.

24 “(2) IMPLEMENTATION.—Public service an-
25 nouncement campaigns under paragraph (1) should

1 be carried out in languages determined relevant by
2 the Secretary.

3 “(b) RESEARCH.—Not later than one year after the
4 date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary, in
5 coordination with the Under Secretary for Science and
6 Technology of the Department, shall, to the extent prac-
7 ticable, carry out research and development, including
8 operational testing, of technologies and techniques for en-
9 hancing the Department’s support to Federal, State, local,
10 Tribal, and territorial officials relating to countering
11 transnational repression and terrorism threats related to
12 transnational repression, in accordance with applicable
13 constitutional, privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties pro-
14 tections.

15 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 “(1) AGENT OF A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT.—

17 The term ‘agent of a foreign government’ means an
18 individual or entity that operates subject to the di-
19 rection or control of—

20 “(A) a foreign government; or

21 “(B) an official or entity of such foreign
22 government.

23 “(2) FOREIGN GOVERNMENT.—The term ‘for-
24 eign government’ means the government of a foreign
25 country.

1 “(3) TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION.—The term
2 ‘transnational repression’ means an action of a for-
3 eign government or an agent of a foreign govern-
4 ment that satisfies each of the following:

5 “(A) The action involves—

6 “(i) any effort intended to coerce, har-
7 ass, or digitally or physically threaten, in-
8 cluding by force or reasonable fear of
9 death or serious bodily injury or imprison-
10 ment of a person or an immediate family
11 member of a person, a person to take an
12 action in the interest of such a foreign gov-
13 ernment;

14 “(ii) any effort intended to harass or
15 coerce, including by force or fear, a person
16 to forebear from exercising their First
17 Amendment rights or any other right guar-
18 anteed to the person by the Constitution or
19 laws of the United States, or to retaliate
20 against a person for having exercised such
21 a right;

22 “(iii) an extrajudicial killing; or

23 “(iv) any act intended to further the
24 efforts specified in clause (i), (ii), or (iii).

1 “(B) The action is engaged in for or in the
2 interests of such a foreign government.

3 “(C) The action—

4 “(i) occurs, in whole or in part, in the
5 United States; or

6 “(ii) is committed against a United
7 States person.

8 “(4) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term
9 ‘United States person’ has the meaning given such
10 term in section 1637(d)(10) of the Carl Levin and
11 Howard P. ‘Buck’ McKeon National Defense Au-
12 thorization Act for Fiscal year 2015 (50 U.S.C.
13 1708(d)(10)).”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
15 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
16 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
17 890D the following new item:

“Sec. 890E. Law enforcement support and counter transnational repression
public service announcement campaign.”.

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