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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Interstate Stalking
3 Punishment and Prevention Act of 1996”.

4 **SEC. 2. PUNISHMENT OF INTERSTATE STALKING.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title 18, United States Code, is
6 amended by inserting after section 2261 the following:

7 **“§ 2261A. Interstate stalking**

8 “Whoever travels across a State line or within the
9 special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United
10 States with the intent to injure or harass another person,
11 and in the course of, or as a result of, such travel places
12 that person in reasonable fear of the death of, or serious
13 bodily injury (as defined in section 1365(g)(3) of this title)
14 to, that person or a member of that person’s immediate
15 family (as defined in section 115 of this title) shall be pun-
16 ished as provided in section 2261 of this title.”.

17 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

18 (1) Section 2261(b) of title 18, United States
19 Code, is amended by inserting “or section 2261A”
20 after “this section”.

21 (2) Sections 2261(b) and 2262(b) of title 18,
22 United States Code, are each amended by striking
23 “offender’s spouse or intimate partner” each place it
24 appears and inserting “victim”.

1 (3) The chapter heading for chapter 110A of
2 title 18, United States Code, is amended by insert-
3 ing “**AND STALKING**” after “**VIOLENCE**”.

4 (4) The table of chapters at the beginning of
5 part I of title 18, United States Code, is amended
6 by striking

“**110A. Domestic violence 2261**”

7 and inserting:

“**110A. Domestic violence and stalking 2261**”.

8 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
9 at the beginning of chapter 110A of title 18, United States
10 Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to
11 section 2261 the following new item:

“2261A. Interstate stalking.”.

Passed the House of Representatives May 7, 1996.

Attest:

Clerk.