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To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to streamline the SAFETY Act and anti-terrorism technology procurement processes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANGEVIN (for himself, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. McCAUL of Texas, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Mr. REICHERT, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. KING of New York, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. SHAYS, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee, Mr. CARNEY, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. DENT, and Mr. PASCRELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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## 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. STREAMLINING OF SAFETY ACT AND ANTI-TER-**  
4 **RORISM TECHNOLOGY PROCUREMENT PROC-**  
5 **ESSES.**

6 (a) PERSONNEL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
7 rity shall ensure that, in addition to any personnel en-

1 gaged in technical evaluations that may be appropriate,  
2 a sufficient number of full-time equivalent personnel, who  
3 are properly trained and qualified to apply legal, economic,  
4 and risk analyses, are involved in the review and  
5 prioritization of anti-terrorism technologies for the pur-  
6 pose of determining whether such technologies may be des-  
7 ignated by the Secretary as qualified anti-terrorism tech-  
8 nologies under section 862(b) of the SAFETY Act (6  
9 U.S.C. 441(b)) or certified by the Secretary under section  
10 863(d) of such Act (6 U.S.C. 442(d)).

11 (b) COORDINATION WITHIN DEPARTMENT OF HOME-  
12 LAND SECURITY.—The Secretary of Homeland Security  
13 shall—

14 (1) establish a formal coordination process that  
15 includes the official of the Department of Homeland  
16 Security with primary responsibility for the imple-  
17 mentation of the SAFETY Act, the Chief Procure-  
18 ment Officer of the Department, the Under Sec-  
19 retary for Science and Technology, the Under Sec-  
20 retary for Policy, and the Department of Homeland  
21 Security General Counsel to ensure the maximum  
22 application of the litigation and risk management  
23 provisions of the SAFETY Act to anti-terrorism  
24 technologies procured by the Department; and

1           (2) promote awareness and utilization of the  
2           litigation and risk management provisions of the  
3           SAFETY Act in the procurement of anti-terrorism  
4           technologies.

5           (c) ISSUANCE OF DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTIVE.—The  
6           Secretary of Homeland Security shall, in accordance with  
7           the final rule implementing the SAFETY Act, issue a De-  
8           partmental management directive providing for coordina-  
9           tion between Department procurement officials and any  
10          other Department official responsible for implementing  
11          the SAFETY Act in advance of any Department procure-  
12          ment of an anti-terrorism technology, as required under  
13          subsection (b).

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