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H. R. 1022

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the use of Urban Area Security Initiative and State Homeland Security Grant Program funding to counter violent extremism.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 24, 2015

Mr. WALKER (for himself and Mr. McCAUL) 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 “Countering Violent Ex-
5 tremism Grants Act” or the “CVE Grants Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The recent terrorist attacks in Paris, Syd-
2 ney, New York City, Ottawa, and London dem-
3 onstrate that violent Islamist extremism is on the
4 rise and that the threat from homegrown terrorism
5 is growing.

6 (2) The United States and the West are the
7 leading targets of Islamist extremist propaganda and
8 terrorist recruitment.

9 (3) Terrorist groups are seeking to enlist a new
10 generation of extremists and are using sophisticated
11 tools, including social media, to radicalize across
12 borders.

13 (4) State and local authorities are on the
14 frontlines of combating domestic radicalization and
15 need the appropriate tools to deter, detect, and dis-
16 rupt extremist efforts to influence and recruit Amer-
17 icans.

18 (5) Too few initiatives exist to help commu-
19 nities understand the threat, prevent domestic
20 radicalization, counter the narrative of extremists,
21 and provide pathways to deradicalization for individ-
22 uals who have become radicalized so they do not re-
23 sort to violence.

24 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to author-
25 ize the use of Urban Area Security Initiative and State

1 Homeland Security Grant Program funds for countering
2 violent Islamist extremism and to ensure that State and
3 local officials are aware that Federal resources are avail-
4 able for this urgent homeland security priority.

5 **SEC. 3. USE OF CERTAIN HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT**
6 **FUNDS TO COUNTER VIOLENT EXTREMISM.**

7 Section 2008 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
8 (6 U.S.C. 609) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a), by redesignating para-
10 graphs (6) through (13) as paragraphs (7) through
11 (14), respectively, and by inserting after paragraph
12 (5) the following:

13 “(6) countering violent extremism, including—

14 “(A) training programs;

15 “(B) the development, implementation, or
16 expansion of programs to engage communities
17 that may be targeted by violent extremist
18 radicalization; and

19 “(C) the development and implementation
20 of projects to partner with local communities to
21 prevent radicalization to violence;”; and

22 (2) in subsection (b)(3)(B), by striking
23 “(a)(10)” and inserting “(a)(11)”.

1 **SEC. 4. TRANSPARENCY.**

2 The Assistant Administrator of the Grant Programs
3 Directorate of the Federal Emergency Management Agen-
4 cy shall report annually to the Committee on Homeland
5 Security of the House of Representatives and the Com-
6 mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
7 of the Senate on the use of funding under sections 2003
8 and 2004 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C.
9 604, 605) to counter violent extremism, including a list
10 of recipients of funds, the types of projects funded, and
11 the amount of grant funding used for each project.

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