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To require a report on United States strategy to combat terrorist use of social media, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POE of Texas (for himself, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. ENGEL, and Mr. ROYCE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary and Select Intelligence (Permanent Select), 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

To require a report on United States strategy to combat terrorist use of social media, and for other purposes.

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 “Combat Terrorist Use
5 of Social Media Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON STRATEGY TO COMBAT TERRORIST USE**
2 **OF SOCIAL MEDIA.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall
5 transmit to the appropriate congressional committees a re-
6 port on United States strategy to combat terrorists’ and
7 terrorist organizations’ use of social media.

8 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
9 (a) shall include the following:

10 (1) An evaluation of what role social media
11 plays in radicalization in the United States and else-
12 where.

13 (2) An analysis of how terrorists and terrorist
14 organizations are using social media, including
15 trends.

16 (3) A summary of the Federal Government’s ef-
17 forts to disrupt and counter the use of social media
18 by terrorists and terrorist organizations, an evalua-
19 tion of the success of such efforts, and recommenda-
20 tions for improvement.

21 (4) A classified assessment of the intelligence
22 value of social media posts by terrorists and terrorist
23 organizations.

24 (5) A classified overview of social media train-
25 ing available to law enforcement and intelligence
26 personnel that enables such personnel to understand

1 and combat the use of social media by terrorists and
2 terrorist organizations, as well as recommendations
3 for improving or expanding existing training oppor-
4 tunities.

5 (c) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
6 should be submitted in sensitive but unclassified form, and
7 may include a classified annex.

8 **SEC. 3. POLICY AND COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY TO**
9 **COUNTER TERRORISTS' AND TERRORIST OR-**
10 **GANIZATIONS' USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
12 date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall
13 transmit to the appropriate congressional committees a re-
14 port that contains the following:

15 (1) A policy that enhances the exchange of in-
16 formation and dialogue between the Federal Govern-
17 ment and social media companies as it relates to the
18 use of social media platforms by terrorists.

19 (2) A comprehensive strategy to counter terror-
20 ists' and terrorist organizations' use of social media,
21 as committed to in the President's 2011 "Strategic
22 Implementation Plan for Empowering Local Part-
23 ners to Prevent Violent Extremism in the United
24 States".

1 (b) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
2 should be submitted in sensitive but unclassified form, and
3 may include a classified annex.

4 **SEC. 4. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-**
5 **FINED.**

6 In this Act, the term “appropriate congressional com-
7 mittees” means the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
8 Committee on the Armed Services, the Committee on
9 Homeland Security, and the Permanent Select Committee
10 on Intelligence of the House of Representatives and the
11 Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on
12 Armed Services, the Committee on Homeland Security
13 and Governmental Affairs and the Select Committee on
14 Intelligence of the Senate.

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