

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4408

AN ACT

To require the development of a national strategy to combat
terrorist travel, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “National Strategy to
3 Combat Terrorist Travel Act of 2016”.

4 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL STRATEGY TO COMBAT TERRORIST**
5 **TRAVEL.**

6 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
7 gress that it should be the policy of the United States to—

8 (1) continue to regularly assess the evolving ter-
9 rorist threat to the United States;

10 (2) catalogue existing Federal Government ef-
11 forts to obstruct terrorist and foreign fighter travel
12 into, out of, and within the United States, as well
13 as overseas;

14 (3) identify such efforts that may benefit from
15 reform or consolidation, or require elimination;

16 (4) identify potential security vulnerabilities in
17 United States defenses against terrorist travel; and

18 (5) prioritize resources to address in a risk-
19 based manner any such security vulnerabilities.

20 (b) NATIONAL STRATEGY AND UPDATES.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with para-
22 graph (2), the President shall transmit to the appro-
23 priate congressional committees a national strategy
24 (including, as appropriate, updates to such strategy)
25 to combat terrorist travel. The strategy shall address
26 efforts to intercept terrorists and foreign fighters

1 and constrain the domestic and international travel
2 of such persons. Consistent with the protection of
3 classified information, the strategy shall be sub-
4 mitted in unclassified form, including, as appro-
5 priate, a classified annex.

6 (2) TIMING.—

7 (A) INITIAL STRATEGY.—The initial na-
8 tional strategy required under paragraph (1)
9 shall be transmitted not later than 180 days
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

11 (B) UPDATED STRATEGIES.—Updated na-
12 tional strategies under paragraph (1) shall be
13 transmitted not later than 180 days after the
14 commencement of a new presidential adminis-
15 tration.

16 (3) COORDINATION.—The President shall direct
17 the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop the
18 initial national strategy and updates required under
19 this subsection and shall direct, as appropriate, the
20 heads of other Federal agencies to coordinate with
21 the Secretary in the development of such strategy
22 and updates.

23 (4) CONTENTS.—The initial national strategy
24 and updates required under this subsection shall—

1 (A) include an accounting and description
2 of all Federal Government programs, projects,
3 and activities to constrain domestic and inter-
4 national travel by terrorists and foreign fight-
5 ers;

6 (B) identify specific security vulnerabilities
7 within the United States and abroad that may
8 be exploited by terrorists and foreign fighters;

9 (C) delineate goals for—

10 (i) closing the security vulnerabilities
11 identified in accordance with subparagraph
12 (B); and

13 (ii) enhancing the Federal Govern-
14 ment's ability to constrain domestic and
15 international travel by terrorists and for-
16 eign fighters; and

17 (D) describe actions to be taken to achieve
18 the goals delineated in subparagraph (C), as
19 well as the means needed to do so, including—

20 (i) steps to reform, improve, and
21 streamline existing Federal Government ef-
22 forts to align with the current threat envi-
23 ronment;

1 (ii) new programs, projects, or activi-
2 ties that are requested, under development,
3 or undergoing implementation;

4 (iii) new authorities or changes in ex-
5 isting authorities needed from Congress;

6 (iv) specific budget adjustments being
7 requested to enhance United States secu-
8 rity in a risk-based manner; and

9 (v) an identification of Federal de-
10 partments and agencies responsible for
11 specific actions described in this subpara-
12 graph.

13 (5) SUNSET.—The requirement to transmit up-
14 dated national strategies under this subsection shall
15 terminate on the date that is 7 years after the date
16 of the enactment of this Act.

17 (c) DEVELOPMENT OF IMPLEMENTATION PLANS.—
18 For each national strategy required under subsection (b),
19 the President shall direct the Secretary of Homeland Se-
20 curity to develop an implementation plan for the Depart-
21 ment of Homeland Security and coordinate with the heads
22 of other relevant Federal agencies to ensure the develop-
23 ment of implementing plans for each such agency.

24 (d) IMPLEMENTATION PLANS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall transmit
2 to the appropriate congressional committees imple-
3 mentation plans for each national strategy required
4 under subsection (b). Consistent with the protection
5 of classified information, each such implementation
6 plan shall be transmitted in unclassified form, but
7 may include a classified annex.

8 (2) TIMING.—The implementation plans re-
9 ferred to in paragraph (1) shall be transmitted si-
10 multaneously with each national strategy required
11 under subsection (b). Such implementation plans
12 shall be updated and transmitted to the appropriate
13 congressional committees on an annual basis.

14 (3) SUNSET.—The requirement to transmit im-
15 plementation plans under paragraph (1) shall termi-
16 nate on the date that is 10 years after the date of
17 the enactment of this Act.

18 (e) PROHIBITION ON ADDITIONAL FUNDING.—No
19 additional funds are authorized to be appropriated to
20 carry out this section.

21 (f) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “appro-
22 priate congressional committees” means—

23 (1) in the House of Representatives—

24 (A) the Committee on Homeland Security;

25 (B) the Committee on Armed Services;

- 1 (C) the Permanent Select Committee on
2 Intelligence;
3 (D) the Committee on the Judiciary;
4 (E) the Committee on Foreign Affairs; and
5 (F) the Committee on Appropriations; and
6 (2) in the Senate—
7 (A) the Committee on Homeland Security
8 and Governmental Affairs;
9 (B) the Committee on Armed Services;
10 (C) the Select Committee on Intelligence;
11 (D) the Committee on the Judiciary;
12 (E) the Committee on Foreign Relations;
13 and
14 (F) the Committee on Appropriations.

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Attest:

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