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To require the development of a national strategy to combat terrorist travel,
and for other purposes.

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Mr. KATKO (for himself, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. HURD of Texas, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Ms. MCSALLY, Mr. RATCLIFFE, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. KEATING, Mr. VELA, and Mr. PAYNE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL STRATEGY TO COMBAT TERRORIST** 7 **TRAVEL.**

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

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

3 (2) catalogue existing Federal Government ef-
4 forts to obstruct terrorist and foreign fighter travel
5 into, out of, and within the United States, as well
6 as overseas;

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

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

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

13 (b) NATIONAL STRATEGY AND UPDATES.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with para-
15 graph (2), the President shall transmit to the appro-
16 priate congressional committees a national strategy
17 (including, as appropriate, updates to such strategy)
18 to combat terrorist travel. The strategy shall address
19 efforts to intercept terrorists and foreign fighters
20 and constrain the domestic and international travel
21 of such persons. Consistent with the protection of
22 classified information, the strategy shall be sub-
23 mitted in unclassified form, including, as appro-
24 priate, a classified annex.

25 (2) TIMING.—

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

5 (B) UPDATED STRATEGIES.—Updated na-
6 tional strategies under paragraph (1) shall be
7 transmitted not later than 180 days after the
8 commencement of a new presidential adminis-
9 tration.

10 (3) COORDINATION.—The President shall direct
11 the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop the
12 initial national strategy and updates required under
13 this subsection and shall direct, as appropriate, the
14 heads of other Federal agencies to coordinate with
15 the Secretary in the development of such strategy
16 and updates.

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

19 (A) include an accounting and description
20 of all Federal Government programs, projects,
21 and activities to constrain domestic and inter-
22 national travel by terrorists and foreign fight-
23 ers;

1 (B) identify specific security vulnerabilities
2 within the United States and abroad that may
3 be exploited by terrorists and foreign fighters;

4 (C) delineate goals for—

5 (i) closing the security vulnerabilities
6 identified in accordance with subparagraph
7 (B); and

8 (ii) enhancing the Federal Govern-
9 ment's ability to constrain domestic and
10 international travel by terrorists and for-
11 eign fighters; and

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

15 (i) steps to reform, improve, and
16 streamline existing Federal Government ef-
17 forts to align with the current threat envi-
18 ronment;

19 (ii) new programs, projects, or activi-
20 ties that are requested, under development,
21 or undergoing implementation;

22 (iii) new authorities or changes in ex-
23 isting authorities needed from Congress;

1 (iv) specific budget adjustments being
2 requested to enhance United States secu-
3 rity in a risk-based manner; and

4 (v) an identification of Federal de-
5 partments and agencies responsible for
6 specific actions described in this subpara-
7 graph.

8 (5) SUNSET.—The requirement to transmit up-
9 dated national strategies under this subsection shall
10 terminate on the date that is seven years after the
11 date of the enactment of this Act.

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

19 (d) IMPLEMENTATION PLANS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall transmit
21 to the appropriate congressional committees imple-
22 mentation plans for each national strategy required
23 under subsection (b). Consistent with the protection
24 of classified information, each such implementation

1 plan shall be transmitted in unclassified form, but
2 may include a classified annex.

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

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

13 (e) PROHIBITION ON ADDITIONAL FUNDING.—No
14 additional funds are authorized to be appropriated to
15 carry out this section. This section shall be carried out
16 using amounts otherwise appropriated or made available
17 to the Department of Homeland Security.

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

20 (1) in the House of Representatives—

21 (A) the Committee on Homeland Security;

22 (B) the Committee on Armed Services;

23 (C) the Permanent Select Committee on
24 Intelligence;

25 (D) the Committee on the Judiciary;

1 (E) the Committee on Foreign Affairs; and

2 (F) the Committee on Appropriations; and

3 (2) in the Senate—

4 (A) the Committee on Homeland Security
5 and Governmental Affairs;

6 (B) the Committee on Armed Services;

7 (C) the Select Committee on Intelligence;

8 (D) the Committee on the Judiciary;

9 (E) the Committee on Foreign Relations;

10 and

11 (F) the Committee on Appropriations.

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