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To require Federal agencies and Federal courts to comply with address confidentiality programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Ms. HASSAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Safeguarding Address-
5 es From Emerging at Home Act” or the “SAFE at Home
6 Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

8 In this Act:

1 (1) ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM.—

2 The term “address confidentiality program” means
3 a program implemented by a State that provides a
4 designated address to an eligible individual for use
5 in lieu of the individual’s actual physical address.

6 (2) ACTUAL PHYSICAL ADDRESS.—The term
7 “actual physical address” may include the address of
8 the individual’s residence, school, and place of em-
9 ployment.

10 (3) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—The term “eligible
11 individual” means an individual who is determined,
12 pursuant to an address confidentiality program—

13 (A) to be at risk to be a victim of domestic
14 violence, rape, sexual assault, human traf-
15 ficking, stalking, or who otherwise fears for
16 their safety; or

17 (B) to reside in the same household as an
18 individual described in subparagraph (A).

19 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL AGENCY AND FEDERAL COURT COMPLI-**
20 **ANCE WITH STATE ADDRESS CONFIDEN-**
21 **TIALITY PROGRAMS.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Each Federal agency and Federal
23 court shall accept, for any purpose for which an individual
24 is required to provide an address to the agency or court,

1 an address designated to that individual pursuant to an
2 address confidentiality program.

3 (b) EXEMPTION FROM LIABILITY.—An individual
4 who provides to a Federal agency or Federal court an ad-
5 dress which is designated to that individual pursuant to
6 an address confidentiality program shall not be subject to
7 any Federal regulatory, civil, or criminal penalties for pro-
8 viding such address in lieu of the individual’s actual phys-
9 ical address.

10 (c) COMPLIANCE WITH ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY
11 PROGRAM PROCEDURES AND EXEMPTION FROM FOIA.—
12 In the case of a Federal agency or Federal court seeking
13 to acquire the actual physical address of an individual de-
14 scribed in subsection (a), the agency or court shall comply
15 with any applicable procedures of the address confiden-
16 tiality program for acquiring such address. Upon acquir-
17 ing such an address, the address shall be considered con-
18 fidential, and shall not be subject to any request pursuant
19 to section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly
20 referred to as the “Freedom of Information Act”).

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