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H. R. 452

To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to use the testimonials of former violent extremists or their associates in order to counter terrorist recruitment, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FLEISCHMANN 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 “Combating Terrorist
5 Recruitment Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. DIRECTIVE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
8 rity shall incorporate, to the extent practicable, into De-

1 partment of Homeland Security efforts to combat terrorist
2 recruitment and communications the public testimonials
3 of former violent extremists or their associates, including
4 friends and family. Such efforts may include the following:

5 (1) Counter-messaging of foreign terrorist orga-
6 nization communications and narratives.

7 (2) Related community engagement and public
8 education efforts.

9 (b) COORDINATION.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-
10 curity shall coordinate the efforts described in subsection
11 (a) with the heads of other Federal departments and agen-
12 cies, as appropriate, and, to the extent practicable, engage
13 nongovernmental and international partners in the identi-
14 fication and use of testimonials described in such sub-
15 section.

16 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act
17 may be construed to require the Secretary of Homeland
18 Security to collect testimonials directly from former vio-
19 lent extremists or their associates, including friends and
20 family.

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