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H. R. 8223

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 promote evidence-based controls for defending against common cybersecurity threats and cybersecurity risks, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

Mr. KATKO (for himself, Mr. LANGEVIN, Ms. ESHOO, Miss RICE of New York, and Mr. GALLAGHER) 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 “Cyber Essentials Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EVIDENCE-BASED CONTROLS FOR DEFENDING**
2 **AGAINST COMMON CYBERSECURITY**
3 **THREATS AND CYBERSECURITY RISKS.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subsection (b) of section 2203 of
5 the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 653) is
6 amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” after
8 the semicolon at the end;

9 (2) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-
10 graph (5); and

11 (3) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
12 lowing new paragraph:

13 “(4) in consultation with the National Institute
14 of Standards and Technology, develop, publish, and
15 update as necessary guidelines and processes for a
16 national audience regarding usable evidence-based
17 controls that have the most impact in defending
18 against common cybersecurity threats and cyberse-
19 curity risks; and”.

20 (b) **RESTRICTION.**—Chapter 35 of title 44, United
21 States Code (commonly known as the “Paperwork Reduc-
22 tion Act”) shall not apply to any action to implement the
23 amendments made by this Act.

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