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To prohibit certain Federal agencies from using or purchasing certain firearms, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STEWART introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

A BILL

To prohibit certain Federal agencies from using or purchasing certain firearms, 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 “Regulatory Agency De-
5 militarization Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON PURCHASE AND USE BY A FED-**
7 **ERAL AGENCY OF FIREARMS.**

8 (a) PROHIBITION.—Not later than 30 days after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, a Federal agency may
10 not purchase or use a firearm.

1 (b) GAO REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after
2 the date of the enactment of this Act the Comptroller Gen-
3 eral shall submit to Congress a report that includes the
4 following:

5 (1) Each Federal agency, including the office of
6 Inspector General for the Federal agency, that has
7 specialized units that receive special tactical or mili-
8 tary-style training or use hard-plated body armor,
9 shields, or helmets and that respond to high-risk sit-
10 uations that fall outside the capabilities of regular
11 law enforcement officers, including any special weap-
12 ons and tactics (SWAT) team, tactical response
13 teams, special events teams, special response teams,
14 or active shooter teams.

15 (2) A description of each such unit.

16 (3) A description of the training and weapons
17 of each such unit.

18 (4) The criteria for activating each such unit
19 and how often each such unit was activated for each
20 year of the previous ten years.

21 (5) The annual cost of equipping and operating
22 each such unit.

23 (6) Any other information that is relevant to
24 understanding the usefulness and justification for
25 the units.

1 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) FEDERAL AGENCY.—The term “Federal
3 agency” has the meaning given that term in section
4 102 of title 40, United States Code, but does not in-
5 clude—

6 (A) the Department of Defense;

7 (B) the Department of Justice;

8 (C) the Department of Homeland Security;

9 (D) the Nuclear Regulatory Commission;

10 (E) the United States Capitol Police;

11 (F) the Bureau of Diplomatic Security;

12 (G) the Central Intelligence Agency; and

13 (H) the military departments (as defined
14 in section 102 of title 5, United States Code).

15 (2) FIREARM.—The term “firearm” has the
16 meaning given that term in section 5845(a) of the
17 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, but does not include
18 a silencer (as defined in section 921 of title 18,
19 United States Code).

20 **SEC. 3. REMOVAL OF LAW ENFORCEMENT POWERS OF IN-**
21 **SPECTOR GENERAL AGENTS.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6 of the Inspector General
23 Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended—

24 (1) by striking subsection (e); and

1 (2) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
2 section (e).

3 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—Subsection (a) shall take ef-
4 fect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

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