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H. R. 8596

To direct certain heads of Federal agencies to develop a strategy to improve Federal investigations of organized postal theft, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PANETTA (for himself and Mrs. KIM of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Maximizing Agency
5 Integration on Letter Theft Act of 2024” or as the
6 “MAIL Theft Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVING COORDINATION IN FEDERAL INVES-**
2 **TIGATION OF ORGANIZED POSTAL THEFT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General,
5 the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Postmaster Gen-
6 eral, and the head of each relevant agency shall develop
7 a strategy to identify how each such relevant agency can
8 coordinate with other relevant agencies to—

9 (1) improve information sharing between the
10 Postmaster General, the Chief Inspector of the U.S.
11 Postal Inspection Service, the Commissioner of U.S.
12 Customs and Border Protection, the Executive Asso-
13 ciate Director of Homeland Security Investigations,
14 the Director of the Secret Service, and the head of
15 each relevant agency on organized postal crime net-
16 works;

17 (2) assist State and local law enforcement in
18 compiling materials and evidence necessary for pros-
19 ecution of organized postal crime; and

20 (3) increase cooperation and information shar-
21 ing between each such relevant agency and State
22 and local government agencies.

23 (b) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180
24 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Post-
25 master General, Chief Postal Inspector, the Secretary of
26 Homeland Security, the Attorney General, and the head

1 of each relevant agency shall submit a joint report to the
2 relevant committees on the strategy developed pursuant
3 to subsection (a).

4 (c) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT.—Not later
5 than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
6 the Comptroller General shall publish a report on coordi-
7 nation between the private sector and law enforcement to
8 deter and investigate organized postal crime.

9 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) ORGANIZED POSTAL CRIME.—The term “or-
11 ganized postal crime” means the coordinated illegal
12 acquisition of postal mail through theft, embezzle-
13 ment, fraud, or other means that are illegal under
14 Federal or State law for the purpose of selling or
15 distributing such goods in interstate commerce.

16 (2) ORGANIZED POSTAL CRIME NETWORK.—
17 The term “organized postal crime network” means
18 a criminal network that engages in organized postal
19 crime.

20 (3) RELEVANT AGENCY.—The term “relevant
21 agency” means any agency (as defined in section
22 551 of title 5, United States Code) determined by
23 the Postmaster General, Attorney General, USPS
24 Chief Investigator, and Secretary of Homeland Secu-

1 rity to have a role in information sharing and inves-
2 tigation of organized postal crime.

3 (4) RELEVANT COMMITTEES.—The term “rel-
4 evant committees” means the House Committee on
5 the Judiciary, the House Committee on Homeland
6 Security, the House Committee on Oversight and
7 Accountability, the Senate Committee on the Judici-
8 ary, and the Senate Homeland Security and Govern-
9 mental Affairs Committee.

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