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H. R. 9369

To establish a task force to combat the rising elder abuse of LGBTQI+ individuals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 16, 2024

Mr. GOTTHEIMER (for himself and Ms. CRAIG) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To establish a task force to combat the rising elder abuse
of LGBTQI+ individuals.

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 “Elder Pride Protection
5 Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMBATING LGBTQI+ ELDER ABUSE TASK FORCE.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after
8 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney Gen-
9 eral shall establish a task force to be known as the “Elder

1 LGBTQI+ Defense and Enhance Resources (ELDER)
2 Task Force” (hereinafter referred to as the “Task Force”).

3 (b) COMPOSITION.—The Task Force shall consist of
4 members appointed by the Attorney General from both the
5 Elder Justice Initiative and the Division of Civil Rights
6 of the Department of Justice.

7 (c) DUTIES.—The duties of the Task Force shall in-
8 clude—

9 (1) studying the increased incidence of elder
10 abuse perpetrated against LGBTQI+ individuals;

11 (2) developing best practices for a national ap-
12 proach to combat such elder abuse;

13 (3) developing best practices for State and local
14 law enforcement agencies to deal with such elder
15 abuse;

16 (4) developing educational materials on how to
17 prevent and respond to elder abuse of LGBTQI+
18 individuals;

19 (5) distributing the materials described under
20 paragraph (4); and

21 (6) coordinating the response of local, State,
22 and Federal law enforcement agencies to combating
23 elder abuse of LGBTQI+ individuals.

24 (d) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
25 of the enactment of the Act, the Task Force shall submit

1 to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives and the Committee on the Judiciary of the
3 Senate a report on the progress the Task Force has made
4 in completing the duties assigned under subsection (c).

5 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this Act:

7 (1) The term “LGBTQI+ individual” includes
8 any individual who identifies as lesbian, gay, bisex-
9 ual, transgender, queer, or intersex or uses other
10 terms used to describe being a sexual or gender mi-
11 nority.

12 (2) The term “elder abuse” means an inten-
13 tional act or failure to act that causes or creates a
14 risk of harm to a person aged 60 or older, includ-
15 ing—

16 (A) physical abuse when an elder experi-
17 ences illness, pain, injury, functional impair-
18 ment, distress, or death as a result of the inten-
19 tional use of physical force and includes acts
20 such as hitting, kicking, pushing, slapping, and
21 burning;

22 (B) sexual abuse involving forced or un-
23 wanted sexual interaction of any kind, including
24 unwanted sexual contact or penetration or non-
25 contact acts such as sexual harassment;

1 (C) emotional or psychological abuse by
2 verbal or nonverbal behaviors that inflict an-
3 guish, mental pain, fear, or distress, including
4 humiliation or disrespect, verbal and non-verbal
5 threats, harassment, and geographic or inter-
6 personal isolation;

7 (D) failure to meet basic needs, including
8 food, water, shelter, clothing, hygiene, and es-
9 sential medical care; or

10 (E) financial abuse involving the illegal,
11 unauthorized, or improper use of money, bene-
12 fits, belongings, property, or assets for the ben-
13 efit of someone other than the owner.

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