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To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to carry out a pilot program for the prevention and mitigation of acts of terrorism using motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOTTHEIMER 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. PILOT PROGRAM.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than one year after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
6 Homeland Security shall establish a pilot program, for a
7 period not to exceed one year, to—

1 (1) in consultation with representatives of the
2 automotive sale and rental industry, develop a uni-
3 form standard for the type of information collected
4 by rental agencies and the type of information used
5 in submitting suspicious activity reports;

6 (2) provide operators with a threat assessment
7 prepared by the Undersecretary of Homeland Secu-
8 rity for Intelligence and Analysis regarding the ter-
9 rorism threat of large vehicles;

10 (3) distribute guidance for improving the sus-
11 picious activity reporting process, including training
12 for designated employees to better identify sus-
13 picious activity;

14 (4) provide technical assistance to operators to
15 better access suspicious activity reports; and

16 (5) if determined necessary by the Secretary,
17 establish a procedure for checking information
18 against a designated watch list that does not contain
19 any classified information, and for dealers and rent-
20 al companies to provide notice of a sale or rental to
21 the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

22 (b) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—

23 (1) PILOT PROGRAM.—Not later than 120 days
24 after the date of establishment of the pilot program
25 under subsection (a) and every 120 days thereafter

1 until the conclusion of the pilot program, the Sec-
2 retary of Homeland Security and the Administrator
3 of the Transportation Security Administration shall
4 jointly submit to Congress a report on the pilot pro-
5 gram, including the following:

6 (A) An assessment of the impact of the
7 pilot program on privacy and civil liberties.

8 (B) A description of the effect that perma-
9 nent implementation of the pilot program would
10 have on efforts to protect the United States
11 against terrorist attacks.

12 (2) STUDY.—Not later than 18 months after
13 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
14 of Homeland Security shall submit to Congress a
15 study examining how to work with rental car and
16 ride sharing companies (such as through peer to
17 peer apps) to identify risks and threats of terrorist
18 attacks.

19 (c) EXEMPTION FROM LIABILITY.—A dealer or rent-
20 al company shall not be liable for any action taken in ac-
21 cordance with this pilot program under this section.

22 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) COVERED RENTAL VEHICLE.—The term
24 “covered rental vehicle” means a truck, tractor,

1 trailer, bus, semitrailer, or van capable of trans-
2 porting more than 15 passengers.

3 (2) DEALER; RENTAL COMPANY.—The terms
4 “dealer” and “rental company” have the meanings
5 given such terms in section 30102 of title 49, United
6 States Code.

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