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S. 1038

To direct the Attorney General to include a data field in the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System to indicate whether the last known location of a missing person was confirmed or was suspected to have been on Federal land, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 13, 2025

Mr. TILLIS (for himself, Mr. PADILLA, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. MURPHY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Tracking and Report-
5 ing Absent Community-Members Everywhere Act” or the
6 “TRACE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) ATTORNEY GENERAL.—The term “Attorney
4 General” means the Attorney General, acting
5 through the Director of the National Institute of
6 Justice.

7 (2) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land”
8 means land owned by the United States that is
9 under the administrative jurisdiction of—

10 (A) the Secretary of Agriculture;

11 (B) the Secretary of the Interior (except
12 land held in trust for the benefit of an Indian
13 Tribe); or

14 (C) the Secretary of Defense only with re-
15 spect to land and water resources projects ad-
16 ministered by the Corps of Engineers.

17 **SEC. 3. DATA FIELD IN THE NATIONAL MISSING AND UN-**
18 **IDENTIFIED PERSONS SYSTEM RELATED TO**
19 **FEDERAL LAND.**

20 The Attorney General shall include in the National
21 Missing and Unidentified Persons System a data field to
22 indicate whether the last known location of the missing
23 person was confirmed or was suspected to have been on
24 Federal land, including any specific location details about
25 the unit of Federal land that was the last known location
26 of the missing person.

1 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

2 Not later than January 15 of the second calendar
3 year that begins after the date of enactment of this Act,
4 and annually thereafter, the Attorney General shall submit
5 to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the
6 Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representa-
7 tives a report that contains, for the previous calendar year,
8 the number of cases in the National Missing and Unidenti-
9 fied Persons System for which the missing person's last
10 known location was confirmed or was suspected to have
11 been on Federal land.

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