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H. R. 7433

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a transnational repression hotline and conduct a transnational repression public service announcement campaign, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. D'ESPOSITO (for himself, Mr. MAGAZINER, and Mr. PFLUGER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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 “Law Enforcement Sup-
5 port and Transnational Repression Hotline Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION HOTLINE AND PUB-**
2 **LIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT CAMPAIGN.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle H of title VIII of the
4 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 451 et seq.)
5 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 890E. TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION HOTLINE AND**
7 **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT CAM-**
8 **PAIGN.**

9 “(a) TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION HOTLINE.—The
10 Secretary, in coordination with the Director of Homeland
11 Security Investigations, shall establish a hotline to receive
12 anonymous information from any United States person
13 that believes such person is the victim of transnational re-
14 pression or a related terrorism threat.

15 “(b) TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION PUBLIC SERVICE
16 ANNOUNCEMENT CAMPAIGN.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in coordina-
18 tion with the Director of Homeland Security Inves-
19 tigation, shall direct the Office of Partnership and
20 Engagement of the Department to conduct a public
21 service announcement campaign educating the public
22 on the issue of transnational repression and related
23 terrorism threats and the resources available to vic-
24 tims of transnational repression and related ter-
25 rorism threats.

1 “(2) IMPLEMENTATION.—Public service an-
2 nouncement campaigns under paragraph (1) should
3 be carried out in the following languages:

4 “(A) English.

5 “(B) Mandarin.

6 “(C) Russian.

7 “(D) Farsi.

8 “(E) Arabic.

9 “(F) Spanish.

10 “(G) Turkish.

11 “(H) Hindi.

12 “(I) Urdu.

13 “(J) Any other language determined rel-
14 evant by the Director of Homeland Security In-
15 vestigations.

16 “(c) RESEARCH.—Not later than one year after the
17 date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary, in
18 coordination with the Under Secretary for Science and
19 Technology of the Department, and the Director of Home-
20 land Security Investigations, shall, to the extent prac-
21 ticable, carry out research and development, including
22 operational testing, of technologies and techniques for en-
23 hancing the Department’s security and situational aware-
24 ness support to Federal, State, local, Tribal, and terri-
25 torial officials relating to combating transnational repres-

1 sion and related terrorism threats, in accordance with ap-
2 plicable constitutional, privacy, civil rights, and civil lib-
3 erties protections.

4 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 “(1) AGENT OF A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT.—

6 The term ‘agent of a foreign government’ means an
7 individual or entity that operates subject to the di-
8 rection or control of—

9 “(A) a foreign government; or

10 “(B) an official or entity of such foreign
11 government.

12 “(2) FOREIGN GOVERNMENT.—The term ‘for-
13 eign government’ means the government of a foreign
14 country.

15 “(3) TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION.—The term
16 ‘transnational repression’ means an action of a for-
17 eign government or an agent of a foreign govern-
18 ment that satisfies each of the following:

19 “(A) The action involves—

20 “(i) any effort intended to coerce, har-
21 ass, or digitally or physically threaten, in-
22 cluding by force or reasonable fear of
23 death or serious bodily injury or imprison-
24 ment of a person or an immediate family
25 member of a person, a person to take an

1 action in the interest of such a foreign gov-
2 ernment;

3 “(ii) any effort intended to harass or
4 coerce, including by force or fear, a person
5 to forebear from exercising their First
6 Amendment rights or any other right guar-
7 anteed to the person by the Constitution or
8 laws of the United States, or to retaliate
9 against a person for having exercised such
10 a right;

11 “(iii) an extrajudicial killing; or

12 “(iv) any act intended to further the
13 efforts specified in clause (i), (ii), or (iii).

14 “(B) The action is engaged in for or in the
15 interests of such a foreign government.

16 “(C) The action—

17 “(i) occurs, in whole or in part, in the
18 United States; or

19 “(ii) is committed against a United
20 States person.

21 “(4) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term
22 ‘United States person’ has the meaning given such
23 term in section 1637(d)(10) of the Carl Levin and
24 Howard P. ‘Buck’ McKeon National Defense Au-

1 thorization Act for Fiscal year 2015 (50 U.S.C.
2 1708(d)(10)).”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
4 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
5 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
6 890D the following new item:

“Sec. 890E. Transnational repression hotline and public service announcement
campaign.”.

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