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# H. R. 7439

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MAGAZINER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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 “Strengthening State  
5 and Local Efforts to Combat Transnational Repression  
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMBATING TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle C of title IV of the  
3 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 231 et seq.)  
4 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

5 **“SEC. 437. STRENGTHENING STATE AND LOCAL LAW EN-**  
6 **FORCEMENT EFFORTS TO COMBAT**  
7 **TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION AND RELATED**  
8 **TERRORISM THREATS.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation  
10 with public and private sector stakeholders, shall in a  
11 manner consistent with the protection of privacy rights,  
12 civil rights, and civil liberties, develop, through the Fed-  
13 eral Law Enforcement Training Centers, a training pro-  
14 gram to enhance the capabilities of State, local, Tribal,  
15 and territorial law enforcement personnel, including per-  
16 sonnel of the National Network of Fusion Centers, to com-  
17 bat transnational repression and related terrorism threats.

18 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The training provided pursu-  
19 ant to subsection (a) shall relate to the following:

20 “(1) Identifying instances of transnational re-  
21 pression and related terrorism threats.

22 “(2) Types of information that should be col-  
23 lected and recorded in information technology sys-  
24 tems to help identify suspected perpetrators of  
25 transnational repression and related terrorism  
26 threats.

1           “(3) Identifying suspected targets or victims of  
2 transnational repression and related terrorism  
3 threats.

4           “(4) Personal safety best practices for individ-  
5 uals and communities that may be targets or are vic-  
6 tims of transnational repression and related ter-  
7 rorism threats to prevent and mitigate transnational  
8 repression and related terrorism threats and ensure  
9 that such targets and victims are afforded prompt  
10 information about and access to victim support re-  
11 sources, including such resources offered by the Cy-  
12 bersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency and  
13 the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, to ad-  
14 dress their immediate and long-term needs.

15       “(c) COMMUNITY AWARENESS BRIEFINGS.—The Of-  
16 ficer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties shall engage with  
17 State, local, Tribal, and territorial law enforcement per-  
18 sonnel, including personnel of the National Network of  
19 Fusion Centers, and individuals and communities that  
20 may be targets or are victims of transnational repression  
21 and related terrorism threats, including by informing such  
22 individuals and communities about how to identify  
23 transnational repression and related terrorism threats and  
24 protect against transnational repression and related ter-  
25 rorism threats.

1 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 “(1) PERSONAL SAFETY BEST PRACTICES.—

3 The term ‘personal safety best practices’ means  
4 measures for enhancing individuals’ and commu-  
5 nities’ physical security, situational awareness, and  
6 online security.

7 “(2) TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION.—The term

8 ‘transnational repression’ means actions of a foreign  
9 government, or an individual or entity working on  
10 behalf or at the direction of a foreign government,  
11 involving the transgression of national borders  
12 through physical, digital, or analog means to intimi-  
13 date, silence, coerce, harass, or harm individuals or  
14 communities in order to prevent their exercise of  
15 freedom of speech, expression, religion, or assem-  
16 bly.”.

17 (b) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.—The Secretary  
18 of Homeland Security shall coordinate with the Under  
19 Secretary for Science and Technology of the Department  
20 of Homeland Security to—

21 (1) carry out research and development of a  
22 technology to enhance participation rates in training  
23 offered to other State, local, Tribal, and territorial  
24 law enforcement personnel, including personnel of  
25 the National Network of Fusion Centers, for the

1 purpose of enhancing domestic preparedness for and  
2 collective response to transnational repression and  
3 related terrorism threats and other homeland secu-  
4 rity threats; and

5 (2) share information relating to researching  
6 and developing methods for identifying instances,  
7 suspected targets, and victims of transnational re-  
8 pression and related terrorism threats, and methods  
9 for collecting and recording information to help iden-  
10 tify suspected perpetrators of transnational repres-  
11 sion and related terrorism threats.

12 (c) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW.—Not later  
13 than two years after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
14 the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit  
15 to Congress a report on the implementation of section 437  
16 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as added by sub-  
17 section (a).

18 (d) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
19 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is  
20 amended by inserting after the item relating to section  
21 436 the following new item:

“Sec. 437. Strengthening State and local law enforcement efforts to combat  
transnational repression and related terrorism threats.”.