

1 that found agency actions are needed to address
2 harassment of dissidents and other tactics of
3 transnational repression in the United States.

4 (D) According to GAO, several Federal
5 agencies work to address transnational repres-
6 sion, including DHS's Office of Intelligence and
7 Analysis, which works to produce intelligence
8 that support Federal, State, and local govern-
9 ment entities to develop protective and support
10 measures in response to threats of
11 transnational repression, as well as DHS's Of-
12 fice of Partnership and Engagement (OPE),
13 which meets with stakeholders and victims of
14 transnational repression to understand the
15 range of transnational repression activities in
16 the United States. For example, DHS hosted a
17 listening session in March 2022 with stake-
18 holders to learn about issues facing commu-
19 nities in the United States. DHS has also
20 issued reporting for State and local law enforce-
21 ment agencies to raise awareness about acts of
22 transnational repression.

23 (E) DHS's OPE also works to share avail-
24 able Federal resources to help disrupt threats
25 of transnational repression against United

1 States citizens, with Federal, State, local, Trib-
2 al, and international partners so they coordi-
3 nate countering acts of transnational repression
4 and preparing best practices.

5 (2) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of
6 Congress that—

7 (A) transnational repression and related
8 terrorism threats by a foreign government or an
9 agent of a foreign government to target individ-
10 uals in the United States and persons outside
11 of the United States are real and growing;

12 (B) agents acting on behalf of hostile for-
13 eign governments employ a range of
14 transnational repression tactics, including mak-
15 ing threats, intimidation, harassment, surveil-
16 lance, stalking, silencing, and planning physical
17 harm or the kidnapping of individuals in the
18 United States; and

19 (C) the Department of Homeland Security
20 must take steps to recognize, assess, and help
21 address this threat, thereby reducing risks to
22 the people of the United States.

23 (b) TASK FORCE TO COUNTER TRANSNATIONAL RE-
24 PRESSION.—

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

5 **“SEC. 890E. TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION.**

6 “(a) TASK FORCE TO ANALYZE, MONITOR, AND IN-
7 VESTIGATE TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established a Task
9 Force, to be known as the ‘Transnational Repression
10 Task Force’ (in this section referred to as the ‘Task
11 Force’), within the Department of Homeland Secu-
12 rity, which shall be responsible for, in coordination
13 with the Office of Intelligence and Analysis, ana-
14 lyzing and monitoring transnational repression and
15 related terrorism threats.

16 “(2) DIRECTOR OF THE TASK FORCE.—

17 “(A) APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR.—The
18 head of the Task Force shall be the Director of
19 the Transnational Repression Task Force, who
20 shall be appointed by the Director of Homeland
21 Security Investigations.

22 “(B) REPORTING.—The Director of the
23 Transnational Repression Task Force shall re-
24 port to the Secretary of Homeland Security and
25 the Director of Homeland Security Investiga-

1 tions regarding all administrative, operational,
2 and security matters of the Task Force.

3 “(3) STAFFING.—The Director of Homeland
4 Security Investigations of the Task Force shall en-
5 sure the Task Force—

6 “(A) has a sufficient number of employees
7 to perform required duties; and

8 “(B) has at least one employee dedicated
9 to ensuring compliance with privacy laws and
10 regulations.

11 “(4) DETAILEES AUTHORIZED.—The Task
12 Force may accept and employ detailees with exper-
13 tise in countering transnational repression and re-
14 lated terrorism threats or related fields from any ele-
15 ment of the intelligence community, or any other
16 Federal agency the Director of the Transnational
17 Repression Task Force determines appropriate, with
18 or without reimbursement, consistent with applicable
19 laws and regulations regarding such employees.

20 “(5) INFORMATION SHARING.—The Task Force
21 shall review, in coordination with the Office of Intel-
22 ligence and Analysis, information relating to
23 transnational repression and related terrorism
24 threats that is gathered by Federal, State, local,
25 Tribal, and territorial partners, and the National

1 Network of Fusion Centers, and incorporate such in-
2 formation, as appropriate, into the Task Force’s own
3 information relating to transnational repression and
4 related terrorism threats. The Task Force shall en-
5 sure the dissemination to Federal, State, local, Trib-
6 al, and territorial partners, and the National Net-
7 work of Fusion Centers, of information related to
8 transnational repression and related terrorism
9 threats.

10 “(6) HOMELAND SECURITY ASSESSMENT ON
11 TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION.—

12 “(A) ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS.—Not later
13 than 180 days after the date of the enactment
14 of this section and annually thereafter for ten
15 years, the Director of Homeland Security Inves-
16 tigation, acting through the Director of the
17 Transnational Repression Task Force, in co-
18 ordination with the Office of Intelligence and
19 Analysis and the Office of the Director of Na-
20 tional Intelligence and the Federal Bureau of
21 Investigation, as appropriate shall submit to the
22 Committee on Homeland Security of the House
23 of Representatives and the Committee on
24 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
25 of the Senate a report that assesses incidents of

1 transnational repression and related terrorism
2 threats during the immediately preceding 12
3 months.

4 “(B) CONTENTS.—Each assessment sub-
5 mitted under subparagraph (A) shall also in-
6 clude the following:

7 “(i) An analysis of attempted inci-
8 dents of transnational repression and re-
9 lated terrorism threats.

10 “(ii) A quantitative analysis of
11 transnational repression and related ter-
12 rorism threats, including the number of in-
13 dividuals responsible for or associated with
14 such transnational repression or related
15 terrorism threats, and an identification of
16 the country of citizenship or nationality of
17 each such individual, and the roles of the
18 foreign governments of such countries in
19 enabling, preventing, mitigating, and re-
20 sponding to transnational repression and
21 related terrorism threats.

22 “(iii) Subject to appropriate protec-
23 tions for sensitive information regarding
24 law enforcement investigations and oper-
25 ations, a description of efforts by the Fed-

1 eral Government to disrupt through inves-
2 tigation transnational repression and re-
3 lated terrorism threats.

4 “(iv) Any other matters the Director
5 of Homeland Security Investigations deter-
6 mines relevant.

7 “(C) FORM.—Each assessment under sub-
8 paragraph (A) shall be submitted in unclassi-
9 fied form, but may include a classified annex
10 only for the protection of intelligence sources
11 and methods relating to the matters contained
12 in each such assessment. The Director of
13 Homeland Security Investigations shall post on
14 a publicly available website of the Department
15 the unclassified portion of each such assess-
16 ment.

17 “(7) SUNSET.—The Task Force shall terminate
18 on the date that is ten years after the date of the
19 enactment of this section.

20 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 “(1) AGENT OF A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT.—
22 The term ‘agent of a foreign government’ means an
23 individual or entity that operates subject to the di-
24 rection and control of—

25 “(A) a foreign government; or

1 “(B) an official or entity of such foreign
2 government.

3 “(2) FOREIGN GOVERNMENT.—The term ‘for-
4 eign government’ means the government of a foreign
5 country.

6 “(3) FUSION CENTER.—The term ‘fusion cen-
7 ter’ has the meaning given such term in subsection
8 (j) of section 210A of the Homeland Security Act of
9 2002 (6 U.S.C. 124h).

10 “(4) INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.—The term
11 ‘intelligence community’ has the meaning given such
12 term in section 3(4) of the National Security Act of
13 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003(4)).

14 “(5) NATIONAL NETWORK OF FUSION CEN-
15 TERS.—The term ‘National Network of Fusion Cen-
16 ters’ means a decentralized arrangement of fusion
17 centers intended to enhance individual State and
18 urban area fusion centers’ ability to leverage the ca-
19 pabilities and expertise of all such fusion centers for
20 the purpose of enhancing analysis and homeland se-
21 curity information sharing nationally.

22 “(6) TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION.—The term
23 ‘transnational repression’ means an action of a for-
24 eign government or an agent of a foreign govern-
25 ment that satisfies each of the following:

1 “(A) The action involves—

2 “(i) any effort intended to coerce, har-
3 ass, or digitally or physically threaten, in-
4 cluding by force or reasonable fear of
5 death or serious bodily injury or imprison-
6 ment of a person or an immediate family
7 member of a person, a person to take an
8 action in the interest of such a foreign gov-
9 ernment;

10 “(ii) any effort intended to harass or
11 coerce, including by force or fear, a person
12 to forebear from exercising their First
13 Amendment rights or any other right guar-
14 anteed to the person by the Constitution or
15 laws of the United States, or to retaliate
16 against a person for having exercised such
17 a right;

18 “(iii) an extrajudicial killing; or

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

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

23 “(C) The action—

24 “(i) occurs, in whole or in part, in the
25 United States; or

1 “(ii) is committed against a United
2 States person.

3 “(7) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term
4 ‘United States person’ has the meaning given such
5 term in section 1637(d)(10) of the Carl Levin and
6 Howard P. ‘Buck’ McKeon National Defense Au-
7 thorization Act for Fiscal year 2015 (50 U.S.C.
8 1708(d)(10)).”.

9 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
10 tents in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act
11 of 2002 is amended by inserting after the item relat-
12 ing to section 890D the following new item:

“Sec. 890E. Transnational repression.”.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to authorize a dedicated transnational repression task force within the Department of Homeland Security to analyze and monitor transnational repression and related terrorism threats and require the task force to take actions to prevent transnational repression.”.

