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H. R. 1242

To prohibit the use of drones to kill citizens of the United States within
the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RIBBLE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Select Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary and Armed Services, 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

To prohibit the use of drones to kill citizens of the United
States within the United States.

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. DRONES.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

5 (1) the term “drone” means an unmanned air-
6 craft (as defined in section 331 of the FAA Mod-
7 ernization and Reform Act of 2012 (49 U.S.C.
8 40101 note));

1 (2) the term “serious bodily injury” has the
2 meaning given that term in section 1365 of title 18,
3 United States Code; and

4 (3) the term “United States” as used in a terri-
5 torial sense, has the meaning given that term in sec-
6 tion 5 of title 18, United States Code.

7 (b) PROHIBITION.—The Federal Government may
8 not use a drone to kill a citizen of the United States who
9 is located in the United States. The prohibition under this
10 subsection shall not apply to an individual who poses an
11 imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury to an-
12 other individual. Nothing in this section shall be construed
13 to suggest that the Constitution would otherwise allow the
14 killing of a citizen of the United States in the United
15 States without due process of law.

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