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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KATKO (for himself, Mr. HURD, Mr. DONOVAN, Mr. VELA, Mr. KEATING, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. MCSALLY, and Mr. RATCLIFFE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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 “Counterterrorism Advi-
5 sory Board Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY COUNTER-**
2 **TERRORISM ADVISORY BOARD.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—At the end of subtitle A of title
4 II of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 121
5 et seq.) insert the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 210G. DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION ON COUNTER-**
7 **TERRORISM.**

8 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is in the Department
9 a board to be composed of senior representatives of de-
10 partmental operational components and headquarters ele-
11 ments. The purpose of the board shall be to coordinate
12 and integrate departmental intelligence, activities, and
13 policy related to the counterterrorism mission and func-
14 tions of the Department.

15 “(b) CHARTER.—There shall be a charter to govern
16 the structure and mission of the board. Such charter shall
17 direct the board to focus on the current threat environ-
18 ment and the importance of aligning departmental
19 counterterrorism activities under the Secretary’s guidance.
20 The charter shall be reviewed and updated every four
21 years, as appropriate.

22 “(c) MEMBERS.—

23 “(1) CHAIR.—The Secretary shall appoint a
24 Coordinator for Counterterrorism within the Depart-
25 ment who will serve as the chair of the board.

1 “(2) ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—The Secretary
2 shall appoint additional members of the board from
3 among the following:

4 “(A) The Transportation Security Admin-
5 istration.

6 “(B) United States Customs and Border
7 Protection.

8 “(C) United States Immigration and Cus-
9 toms Enforcement.

10 “(D) The Federal Emergency Management
11 Agency.

12 “(E) The Coast Guard.

13 “(F) United States Citizenship and Immi-
14 gration Services.

15 “(G) The United States Secret Service.

16 “(H) The National Protection and Pro-
17 grams Directorate.

18 “(I) The Office of Operations Coordina-
19 tion.

20 “(J) The Office of the General Counsel.

21 “(K) The Office of Intelligence and Anal-
22 ysis.

23 “(L) The Office of Policy.

24 “(M) The Science and Technology Direc-
25 torate.

1 “(N) Other Departmental offices and pro-
2 grams as determined appropriate by the Sec-
3 retary.

4 “(d) MEETINGS.—The board shall meet on a regular
5 basis to discuss intelligence and coordinate ongoing threat
6 mitigation efforts and departmental activities, including
7 coordination with other Federal, State, local, tribal, terri-
8 torial, and private sector partners, and shall make rec-
9 ommendations to the Secretary.

10 “(e) TERRORISM ALERTS.—The board shall advise
11 the Secretary on the issuance of terrorism alerts pursuant
12 to section 203 of this Act.

13 “(f) PROHIBITION ON ADDITIONAL FUNDS.—No ad-
14 ditional funds are authorized to carry out this section.
15 This section shall be carried out using amounts otherwise
16 appropriated or made available to the Department.”.

17 “(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
18 in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by inserting after
19 the item relating to section 210F the following new item:

“Sec. 210G. Departmental coordination on counterterrorism.”.

20 “(c) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date
21 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary, acting through
22 the Coordinator for Counterterrorism, shall submit to the
23 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-
24 resentatives and the Committee on Homeland Security
25 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report on the

1 status and activities of the board established under section
2 210G of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as added
3 by subsection (a).

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