

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 4135

To dissolve the Department of Homeland Security Disinformation Governance Board, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 4, 2022

Mr. HAWLEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Dissolving the
5 Disinformation Governance Board Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that the Department of
8 Homeland Security Disinformation Governance Board is
9 unconstitutional and should be dissolved immediately.

1 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) BOARD.—The term “Board” means the
4 Disinformation Governance Board.

5 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
6 the Secretary of Homeland Security.

7 **SEC. 4. DISSOLUTION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Board is hereby dissolved.

9 (b) REMOVAL OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—The Sec-
10 retary shall immediately remove the Executive Director
11 from the Board.

12 (c) FUNDING RESTRICTION.—Beginning on the date
13 of the enactment of this Act, no Federal funds may be
14 used for the operation of the Board.

15 **SEC. 5. NO SUCCESSOR ENTITIES OR ACTIVITIES.**

16 The Secretary may not—

17 (1) establish any entity equivalent to the Board;
18 or

19 (2) authorize activities at the Department of
20 Homeland Security that are substantially similar to
21 the activities of the Board.

22 **SEC. 6. DISCLOSURE.**

23 Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-
24 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Com-
25 mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

1 of the Senate and the Committee on Homeland Security
2 of the House of Representatives—

3 (1) a report describing the formation of the
4 Board; and

5 (2) all of the records in the possession of the
6 Department of Homeland Security related to the
7 Board, including—

8 (A) written or recorded communications
9 concerning the formation of the Board;

10 (B) the agenda or minutes from any meet-
11 ing at which the Board's formation was dis-
12 cussed;

13 (C) any legal review to determine whether
14 the activities of the Board would be authorized
15 by the Constitution of the United States;

16 (D) any communications or records about
17 the individuals who would be recruited to serve
18 on the Board; and

19 (E) any communications concerning the
20 appointment of an executive director for the
21 Board.

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