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To direct certain heads of Federal agencies to develop a strategy to improve Federal investigations of organized retail crime, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. KIM of California (for herself, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. SALAZAR, and Mr. GARBARINO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Improving the Federal
5 Response to Organized Retail Crime Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. IMPROVING COORDINATION IN FEDERAL INVES-**
7 **TIGATION OF ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General,

1 the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Postmaster Gen-
2 eral, and the head of each relevant agency shall develop
3 a strategy to identify how each such relevant agency can
4 coordinate with other relevant agencies to—

5 (1) improve information sharing between the
6 Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the
7 Commissioner of the U.S. Customs and Border Pro-
8 tection, the Executive Associate Director of Home-
9 land Security Investigations, the Director of the Se-
10 cret Service, the Postmaster General, and the head
11 of each relevant agency on organized retail crime
12 networks;

13 (2) assist State and local law enforcement in
14 compiling materials and evidence necessary for pros-
15 ecution of organized retail crime; and

16 (3) increase cooperation and information shar-
17 ing between each such relevant agency and the retail
18 industry, State retail crime task forces, and other
19 retail crime task forces.

20 (b) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180
21 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Attor-
22 ney General, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the
23 Postmaster General, and the head of each relevant agency
24 shall submit a joint report to the relevant committees on
25 the strategy developed pursuant to subsection (a).

1 (c) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT.—Not later
2 than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
3 the Comptroller General shall publish a report on coordi-
4 nation between the private sector and law enforcement to
5 deter and investigate organized retail crime.

6 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME.—The term “or-
8 ganized retail crime” means the coordinated illegal
9 acquisition of retail goods through theft, embezzle-
10 ment, fraud, or other means that are illegal under
11 Federal or State law for the purpose of selling or
12 distributing such goods in interstate commerce.

13 (2) ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME NETWORK.—The
14 term “organized retail crime network” means a
15 criminal network that engages in organized retail
16 crime.

17 (3) RELEVANT AGENCY.—The term “relevant
18 agency” means any agency (as defined in section
19 551 of title 5, United States Code) determined by
20 the Attorney General and Secretary of Homeland
21 Security to have a role in information sharing and
22 investigation of organized retail crime.

23 (4) RELEVANT COMMITTEES.—The term “rel-
24 evant committees” means the House Committee on
25 the Judiciary, the House Committee on Homeland

1 Security, the House Committee on Oversight and
2 Accountability, the Senate Committee on the Judici-
3 ary, and the Senate Homeland Security and Govern-
4 mental Affairs Committee.

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