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H. R. 3811

To establish a task force to combat the rising elder abuse of LGBTQI+ individuals.

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Mr. GOTTHEIMER (for himself, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. TONKO, Ms. NORTON, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. CARSON, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. SOTO, and Ms. FRIEDMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To establish a task force to combat the rising elder abuse of LGBTQI+ individuals.

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 “Elder Pride Protection
5 Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMBATING LGBTQI+ ELDER ABUSE TASK FORCE.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after
8 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney Gen-

1 eral shall establish a task force to be known as the “Elder
2 LGBTQI+ Defense and Enhance Resources (ELDER)
3 Task Force” (hereinafter referred to as the “Task
4 Force”).

5 (b) COMPOSITION.—The Task Force shall consist of
6 members appointed by the Attorney General from both the
7 Elder Justice Initiative and the Division of Civil Rights
8 of the Department of Justice.

9 (c) DUTIES.—The duties of the Task Force shall in-
10 clude—

11 (1) studying the increased incidence of elder
12 abuse perpetrated against LGBTQI+ individuals;

13 (2) developing best practices for a national ap-
14 proach to combat such elder abuse;

15 (3) developing best practices for State and local
16 law enforcement agencies to deal with such elder
17 abuse;

18 (4) developing educational materials on how to
19 prevent and respond to elder abuse of LGBTQI+
20 individuals;

21 (5) distributing the materials described under
22 paragraph (4); and

23 (6) coordinating the response of local, State,
24 and Federal law enforcement agencies to combating
25 elder abuse of LGBTQI+ individuals.

1 (d) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
2 of the enactment of the Act, the Task Force shall submit
3 to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Rep-
4 resentatives and the Committee on the Judiciary of the
5 Senate a report on the progress the Task Force has made
6 in completing the duties assigned under subsection (c).

7 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

8 In this Act:

9 (1) The term “LGBTQI+ individual” includes
10 any individual who identifies as lesbian, gay, bisex-
11 ual, transgender, queer, or intersex or uses other
12 terms used to describe being a sexual or gender mi-
13 nority.

14 (2) The term “elder abuse” means an inten-
15 tional act or failure to act that causes or creates a
16 risk of harm to a person aged 60 or older, includ-
17 ing—

18 (A) physical abuse when an elder experi-
19 ences illness, pain, injury, functional impair-
20 ment, distress, or death as a result of the inten-
21 tional use of physical force and includes acts
22 such as hitting, kicking, pushing, slapping, and
23 burning;

24 (B) sexual abuse involving forced or un-
25 wanted sexual interaction of any kind, including

1 unwanted sexual contact or penetration or non-
2 contact acts such as sexual harassment;

3 (C) emotional or psychological abuse by
4 verbal or nonverbal behaviors that inflict an-
5 guish, mental pain, fear, or distress, including
6 humiliation or disrespect, verbal and non-verbal
7 threats, harassment, and geographic or inter-
8 personal isolation;

9 (D) failure to meet basic needs, including
10 food, water, shelter, clothing, hygiene, and es-
11 sential medical care; or

12 (E) financial abuse involving the illegal,
13 unauthorized, or improper use of money, bene-
14 fits, belongings, property, or assets for the ben-
15 efit of someone other than the owner.

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