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[Report No. 119–813]

To require the Department of Homeland Security to conduct an exercise related to agroterrorism, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STRONG introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

Additional sponsor: Mr. KENNEDY of New York

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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 “Civil Preparedness for
5 Agroterrorism Exercise Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXERCISE ON AGROTERRORISM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to, or as part of exer-
8 cise programs currently carried out by the Department of
9 Homeland Security, to enhance domestic preparedness for
10 and collective response to terrorism, promote the dissemi-
11 nation of homeland security information, and test the se-
12 curity posture of the United States, the Secretary of
13 Homeland Security, acting through appropriate offices
14 and components of the Department and in coordination
15 with the heads of appropriate Federal departments and
16 agencies, shall, not later than four years after the date
17 of the enactment of this section, conduct an exercise re-
18 lated to the prevention, response to, recovery from, and
19 mitigation of an act of agroterrorism.

20 (b) EXERCISE REQUIREMENTS.—The exercise re-
21 quired under subsection (a) shall—

22 (1) include a scenario involving—

23 (A) developing preparedness for
24 agroterrorists attempting to unlawfully trans-
25 port into the United States a biological agent

capable of adversely affecting the operations
of—

(i) the agriculture and food critical infrastructure sector; or

(ii) other related economic sectors;

(B) developing preparedness for agroterrorists deploying within the United States a biological agent capable of adversely affecting the operations of—

(i) the agriculture and food critical infrastructure sector; or

(ii) other related economic sectors;

and

(C) collective action by participants to determine the most effective response in managing and mitigating the effects of widespread disruption to the agriculture and food critical infrastructure sector or other related economic sectors as a result of agroterrorism, including through—

(i) effectively deploying incident command involving the entities specified in paragraph (2);

(ii) identifying key resources necessary to respond to, and recover from,

1 and mitigate widespread disruption of the
2 agriculture and food critical infrastructure
3 sector or other related economic sectors as
4 a result of agroterrorism; and

5 (iii) determining an efficient and ef-
6 fective allocation of such key resources,
7 and addressing capability and capacity
8 gaps at all levels of government; and

9 (2) include coordination with appropriate—

10 (A) Federal departments and agencies;

11 (B) State, local, Tribal, and territorial
12 agencies;

13 (C) private sector owners and operators
14 of—

15 (i) food and agricultural facilities;

16 (ii) other components of the agri-
17 culture and food critical infrastructure sec-
18 tor; and

19 (iii) components of other related eco-
20 nomic sectors;

21 (D) representatives of and practitioners
22 from the emergency preparedness and response
23 community; and

24 (E) other stakeholders in, and subject mat-
25 ter experts of, the defense of the agriculture

1 and food critical infrastructure sector from
2 agroterrorism.

3 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the com-
4 pletion of the exercise required under subsection (a), the
5 Secretary of Homeland Security shall, consistent with the
6 protection of classified information, submit to the Com-
7 mittee on Homeland Security of the House of Representa-
8 tives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
9 ernmental Affairs of the Senate an after-action report that
10 contains the following:

11 (1) The findings of such exercise, together with
12 associated plans and a timeline for incorporating les-
13 sons learned into future operations of the Depart-
14 ment of Homeland Security to counter and deter
15 agroterrorism.

16 (2) Recommended legislative actions for improv-
17 ing the security posture of the United States and the
18 future operations of the Department to counter and
19 deter agroterrorism.

20 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 (1) AGROTERRORISM.—The term
22 “agroterrorism” means an act of terrorism (as such
23 term is defined in section 2 of the Homeland Secu-
24 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101)) that threatens to

1 target or targets the agriculture and food critical in-
2 frastructure sector of the United States.

3 (2) AGROTERRORIST.—The term
4 “agroterrorist” means any actor who commits an act
5 of agroterrorism.

6 (3) BIOLOGICAL AGENT.—The term “biological
7 agent” has the meaning given such term in section
8 178 of title 18, United States Code.

9 (4) CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.—The term
10 “critical infrastructure” has the meaning given such
11 term in section 1016(e) of Public Law 107–56 (42
12 U.S.C. 5195c(e)).

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