

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1038

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## AN ACT

To direct the Attorney General to include a data field in the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System to indicate whether the last known location of a missing person was confirmed or was suspected to have been on Federal land, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Tracking and Report-  
3 ing Absent Community-Members Everywhere Act” or the  
4 “TRACE Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

6       In this Act:

7           (1) **ATTORNEY GENERAL.**—The term “Attorney  
8 General” means the Attorney General, acting  
9 through the Director of the National Institute of  
10 Justice.

11          (2) **FEDERAL LAND.**—The term “Federal land”  
12 means land owned by the United States that is  
13 under the administrative jurisdiction of—

14                   (A) the Secretary of Agriculture;

15                   (B) the Secretary of the Interior (except  
16 land held in trust for the benefit of an Indian  
17 Tribe); or

18                   (C) the Secretary of Defense only with re-  
19 spect to land and water resources projects ad-  
20 ministered by the Corps of Engineers.

21          (3) **TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE UNITED**  
22 **STATES.**—The term “territorial waters of the United  
23 States” means all waters of the territorial sea of the  
24 United States, 12 nautical miles wide, adjacent to  
25 the coast of the United States and seaward of the

1 territorial baseline, as described in Presidential  
2 Proclamation 5928 of December 27, 1988.

3 **SEC. 3. DATA FIELD IN THE NATIONAL MISSING AND UN-**  
4 **IDENTIFIED PERSONS SYSTEM RELATED TO**  
5 **FEDERAL LAND AND TERRITORIAL WATERS.**

6 The Attorney General shall include in the National  
7 Missing and Unidentified Persons System a data field to  
8 indicate whether the last known location of the missing  
9 person was confirmed or was suspected to have been on  
10 Federal land or in the territorial waters of the United  
11 States, including any specific location details about the  
12 unit of Federal land or the area of the territorial waters  
13 of the United States that was the last known location of  
14 the missing person.

15 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

16 Not later than January 15 of the second calendar  
17 year that begins after the date of enactment of this Act,  
18 and annually thereafter, the Attorney General shall submit  
19 to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the  
20 Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representa-  
21 tives a report that contains, for the previous calendar year,  
22 the number of cases in the National Missing and Unidenti-  
23 fied Persons System for which the missing person's last  
24 known location was confirmed or was suspected to have

- 1 been on Federal land or in the territorial waters of the
- 2 United States.

Passed the Senate September 2, 2025.

Attest:

*Secretary.*



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