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H. R. 4820

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 27, 2016

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs

AN ACT

To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to use the testimonials of former violent extremists or their associates in order to counter terrorist recruitment, 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 “Combating Terrorist
3 Recruitment Act of 2016”.

4 **SEC. 2. DIRECTIVE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
6 rity shall incorporate, to the extent practicable, into De-
7 partment of Homeland Security efforts to combat terrorist
8 recruitment and communications the public testimonials
9 of former violent extremists or their associates, including
10 friends and family. Such efforts may include the following:

11 (1) Counter-messaging of foreign terrorist orga-
12 nization communications and narratives.

13 (2) Related community engagement and public
14 education efforts.

15 (b) COORDINATION.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-
16 curity shall, where appropriate, coordinate the efforts de-
17 scribed in subsection (a) with the heads of other Federal
18 departments and agencies, as appropriate, and, to the ex-
19 tent practicable, engage nongovernmental and inter-
20 national partners in the identification and use of
21 testimonials described in such subsection.

22 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act
23 may be construed to require the Secretary of Homeland
24 Security to collect testimonials directly from former vio-

1 lent extremists or their associates, including friends and
2 family.

Passed the House of Representatives April 26, 2016.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.