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To amend title 18, United States Code, to extend the coverage of the Federal prohibition against stalking in order to provide protection to friends and co-workers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 30, 2019

Ms. MENG (for herself, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. DELBENE, Mrs. DINGELL, Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. KEATING, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KILMER, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MOORE, Ms. NORTON, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, and Ms. WILSON of Florida) 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 “Expanded Stalking
5 Protections Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. STALKING.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2261A of title 18, United
3 States Code, is amended—

4 (1) by striking “Whoever” and inserting “(a)
5 IN GENERAL.—Whoever”;

6 (2) in paragraph (1)(A)(ii), by striking “or”;

7 (3) in paragraph (1)(A)(iii), by striking “or”
8 after the semicolon;

9 (4) by adding at the end of paragraph (1)(A)
10 the following:

11 “(iv) a friend of that person; or

12 “(v) a co-worker of that person; or”;

13 and

14 (5) by adding at the end of the following:

15 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 “(1) CO-WORKER.—The term ‘co-worker’ means
17 a person with whom one has a work relationship,
18 without regard to any hierarchy within the organiza-
19 tion.

20 “(2) FRIEND.—The term ‘friend’ means a per-
21 son with whom one has a bond of mutual affection,
22 exclusive of intimate or family relations.”.

23 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 2261A, as
24 amended by subsection (a), is further amended—

25 (1) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “or (iii)”
26 and inserting “(iii), (iv), or (v)”;

- 1 (2) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “or (iii)”
- 2 and inserting “(iii), (iv), or (v)”; and
- 3 (3) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “or (iii)”
- 4 and inserting “(iii), (iv), or (v)”.

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