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H. R. 7124

To prohibit the use of facial recognition mobile phone applications outside ports of entry, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi (for himself, Mr. CORREA, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. MENG, and Mr. ESPAILLAT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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 “Realigning Mobile
5 Phone Biometrics for American Privacy Protection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF FACIAL RECOGNI-**
7 **TION MOBILE PHONE APPLICATIONS OUT-**
8 **SIDE PORTS OF ENTRY.**

9 Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-
10 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall

1 develop standards and guidelines for the Department of
2 Homeland Security and its components—

3 (1) prohibiting the use of the Mobile Fortify
4 Mobile Application, Mobile Identify Mobile Applica-
5 tion, or successor applications, except for identifica-
6 tion purposes at ports of entry;

7 (2) prohibiting the Department and its compo-
8 nents from sharing the Mobile Fortify Mobile Appli-
9 cation, Mobile Identify Mobile Application, or suc-
10 cessor applications with any other Federal agency or
11 any State, local, Tribal, or territorial agency;

12 (3) requiring—

13 (A) the removal of the Mobile Fortify Mo-
14 bile Application, Mobile Identify Mobile Appli-
15 cation, or any successor applications from De-
16 partment and component information tech-
17 nology, except as necessary for identification
18 purposes at ports of entry, in accordance with
19 paragraph (1); and

20 (B) the Department to remotely render in-
21 operable any such applications downloaded on
22 non-Department information technology;

23 (4) except as provided in paragraph (5), requir-
24 ing the immediate destruction of any image, photo-
25 graph, or fingerprint of any United States citizen

1 captured through the use of the Mobile Fortify Mo-
2 bile Application, Mobile Identify Mobile Application,
3 any successor applications before such standards
4 and guidelines are implemented, wherever such
5 image, photograph, or fingerprint may be stored;
6 and

7 (5) requiring the destruction of any image, pho-
8 tograph, or fingerprint of a United States citizen
9 captured through the use of the Mobile Fortify Mo-
10 bile Application, Mobile Identify Mobile Application,
11 or successor applications for identification purposes
12 at ports of entry pursuant to paragraph (1) not later
13 than 12 hours after such image, photograph, or fin-
14 gerprint is captured.

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