AMENDMENT NO. ________  Calendar No. _______

Purpose: To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to build partnerships to prevent violence by extremists.


H. R. 2825

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on ________________ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENTS intended to be proposed by Mr. CARPER

Viz:

1. On page 152, line 2, strike “section” and insert “sections”.

2. On page 155, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

   “SEC. 210H. REPORT ON TERRORISM PREVENTION ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT.

   “(a) Annual Report.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this section, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to Congress an annual report that shall include the following:
“(1) A description of the status of the programs and policies of the Department for countering violent extremism and similar activities in the United States.

“(2) A description of the efforts of the Department to cooperate with and provide assistance to other Federal departments and agencies.

“(3) Qualitative and quantitative metrics for evaluating the success of the programs and policies described in paragraph (1) and the steps taken to evaluate the success of those programs and policies.

“(4) An accounting of—

“(A) grants and cooperative agreements awarded by the Department to counter violent extremism; and

“(B) all training specifically aimed at countering violent extremism sponsored by the Department.

“(5) In coordination with the Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, an analysis of how the activities of the Department to counter violent extremism correspond and adapt to the threat environment.
“(6) A summary of how civil rights and civil liberties are protected in the activities of the Department to counter violent extremism.

“(7) An evaluation of the use of grants and cooperative agreements awarded under sections 2003 and 2004 to support efforts of local communities in the United States to counter violent extremism, including information on the effectiveness of those grants and cooperative agreements in countering violent extremism.

“(8) A description of how the Department incorporated lessons learned from the countering violent extremism programs and policies and similar activities of foreign, State, local, tribal, and territorial governments and stakeholder communities.

“(9) A description of the decision process used by the Department to rename or refocus the entities within the Department that are focused on the issues described in this subsection, including a description of the threat basis for that decision.

“(b) ANNUAL REVIEW.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this section, and annually thereafter, the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties of the Department shall—
“(1) conduct a review of the countering violent extremism and similar activities of the Department to ensure that all such activities of the Department respect the privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties of all persons; and

“(2) make publicly available on the website of the Department a report containing the results of the review conducted under paragraph (1).”.

On page 155, strike lines 5 through 15 and insert the following:

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 201(d) (6 U.S.C. 121(d)), by adding at the end the following:

“(27) To carry out section 210G (relating to homeland terrorist threat assessments) and section 210H (relating to terrorism prevention activities).”;

and

(2) in section 2008(b)(1) (6 U.S.C. 609(b)(1))—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and
(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) to support any organization or group which has knowingly or recklessly funded domestic terrorism or international terrorism (as those terms are defined in section 2331 of title 18, United States Code) or organization or group known to engage in or recruit to such activities, as determined by the Secretary in consultation with the Administrator, the Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, and the heads of other appropriate Federal departments and agencies.”.

(e) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–296; 116 Stat. 2135), as amended by section 1301, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 210F the following:

“Sec. 210G. Homeland terrorist threat assessments.
“Sec. 210H. Report on terrorism prevention activities.”.

(d) SUNSET.—Effective on the date that is 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act—

(1) section 210H of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as added by subsection (a), is repealed; and

(2) the table of contents in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–
296; 116 Stat. 2135) is amended by striking the item relating to section 210G.