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To require notifications of changes to policies and procedures governing terrorist watchlist and transnational organized crime watchlist, and for other purposes.

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Mr. CASTRO of Texas 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 “Terrorist Watchlist
5 Modification Review Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NOTIFICATION OF MATERIAL CHANGES TO POLI-**
2 **CIES OR PROCEDURES GOVERNING TER-**
3 **RORIST WATCHLIST AND TRANSNATIONAL**
4 **ORGANIZED CRIME WATCHLIST.**

5 (a) NOTIFICATION OF MATERIAL CHANGES.—

6 (1) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—The Director of
7 the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall submit to
8 the appropriate congressional committees notice of
9 any material change to a policy or procedure relating
10 to the terrorist watchlist or the transnational orga-
11 nized crime watchlist, including any change to the
12 policy or procedure for adding or removing a person
13 from either watchlist. Each notification under this
14 subsection shall include a summary of the material
15 changes to such policy or procedure.

16 (2) TIMING OF NOTIFICATION.—Each notifica-
17 tion required under paragraph (1) shall be sub-
18 mitted not later than 30 days after the date on
19 which a material change described in paragraph (1)
20 takes effect.

21 (b) REQUESTS BY APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES.—Not
22 later than 30 days after receiving a request from an ap-
23 propriate congressional committee, the Director of the
24 Federal Bureau of Investigation shall submit to such com-
25 mittee all guidance in effect as of the date of the request

1 that applies to or governs the use of the terrorist watchlist
2 or the transnational organized crime watchlist.

3 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
5 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
6 mittees” means—

7 (A) the congressional intelligence commit-
8 tees;

9 (B) the Committees on Appropriations of
10 the Senate and the House of Representatives;

11 (C) the Committees on the Judiciary of the
12 Senate and the House of Representatives; and

13 (D) the Committee on Homeland Security
14 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the
15 Committee on Homeland Security of the House
16 of Representatives.

17 (2) TERRORIST WATCHLIST.—The term “ter-
18 rorist watchlist” means the Terrorist Screening
19 Dataset or any successor or similar watchlist.

20 (3) TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME
21 WATCHLIST.—The term “transnational organized
22 crime watchlist” means the watchlist maintained
23 under the Transnational Organized Crime Actor De-
24 tection Program or any successor or similar
25 watchlist.

1 **SEC. 3. ANNUAL REPORT ON UNITED STATES PERSONS ON**
2 **THE TERRORIST WATCH LIST.**

3 (a) REPORT.—Not later than January 31, 2026, and
4 annually thereafter for two years, the Director of the Fed-
5 eral Bureau of Investigation shall submit to the appro-
6 priate congressional committees a report on known or pre-
7 sumed United States persons who are included on the ter-
8 rorist watchlist.

9 (b) CONTENTS.—Each report required under sub-
10 section (a) shall include, with respect to the preceding cal-
11 endar year, the following information:

12 (1) The total number of persons who were in-
13 cluded on the terrorist watchlist as of January 1 and
14 the total number of such persons included as of De-
15 cember 31.

16 (2) The total number of known or presumed
17 United States persons who were included on the ter-
18 rorist watchlist as of January 1 and the total num-
19 ber of such persons included as of December 31, in-
20 cluding with respect to each of those dates—

21 (A) the number of known or presumed
22 United States persons who were included on a
23 no fly list;

24 (B) the number of known or presumed
25 United States persons who were included on a
26 selectee list for additional screening;

1 (C) the number of known or presumed
2 United States persons who were included on the
3 terrorist watchlist as an exception to a reason-
4 able suspicion standard and who are not subject
5 to additional screening, but who are included on
6 the list to support specific screening functions
7 of the Federal Government;

8 (D) the name of each terrorist organiza-
9 tion with which the known or presumed United
10 States persons are suspected of being affiliated
11 and the number of such persons who are sus-
12 pected of affiliating with each such terrorist or-
13 ganization; and

14 (E) an identification of each Federal agen-
15 cy that nominated the United States persons to
16 the terrorist watchlist and the number of such
17 persons nominated by each Federal agency.

18 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
20 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
21 mittees” means—

22 (A) the congressional intelligence commit-
23 tees;

24 (B) the Committees on Appropriations of
25 the Senate and the House of Representatives;

1 (C) the Committees on the Judiciary of the
2 Senate and the House of Representatives; and

3 (D) the Committee on Homeland Security
4 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the
5 Committee on Homeland Security of the House
6 of Representatives.

7 (2) **TERRORIST WATCHLIST.**—The term “ter-
8 rorist watchlist” means the Terrorist Screening
9 Dataset or any successor or similar watchlist.

10 (3) **UNITED STATES PERSON.**—The term
11 “United States person” has the meaning given the
12 term in section 101 of the Foreign Intelligence Sur-
13 veillance Act of 1978 (50 U.S.C. 1801).

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