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[Report No. 119–736]

To provide for the reorganization and realignment of the Engagement, Liaison, and Outreach Office of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2026

Mr. EVANS of Colorado introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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Additional sponsors: Mr. GOLDMAN of New York and Ms. POU

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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 “ELO Realignment and
5 Strategic Engagement Reform Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. PLAN FOR REORGANIZATION AND REALIGNMENT**
7 **OF DHS ENGAGEMENT, LIAISON, AND OUT-**
8 **REACH OFFICE.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall sub-
11 mit to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House
12 of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Secu-
13 rity and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a comprehen-
14 sive plan to carry out the following:

15 (1) An identification of redundant or non-essen-
16 tial positions, programs, or functions within the En-
17 gagement, Liaison, and Outreach office, including
18 how reorganization of the Office will address such
19 redundant or non-essential positions, programs, or
20 functions.

21 (2) Realign the essential functions and per-
22 sonnel of the ELO Office within the Partner En-
23 gagement directorate of I&A.

24 (3) Improve the management and coordination
25 of strategic relationships with priority law enforce-

1 ment agencies, including by carrying out the fol-
2 lowing:

3 (A) Establishing clear communication pro-
4 tocols.

5 (B) Centralizing points of contact for law
6 enforcement engagement.

7 (C) Enhancing information-sharing mecha-
8 nisms.

9 (D) Reducing duplication of outreach
10 across Department of Homeland Security com-
11 ponents.

12 (E) Improving accountability and perform-
13 ance metrics related to stakeholder engagement.

14 (b) PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—The plan required under
15 subsection (a) shall include the following:

16 (1) Organizational analysis justifying the reor-
17 ganization and realignment, including cost-benefit
18 estimates, under paragraph (1) of such subsection.

19 (2) Detailed staffing proposals, including reas-
20 signment plans.

21 (3) A transition timeline for implementing the
22 realignment within the Partner Engagement direc-
23 torate of I&A, in accordance with paragraph (2) of
24 such subsection.

1 (4) Internal oversight mechanisms to monitor
2 implementation of such plan.

3 (5) Recommendations for future engagement
4 models that reduce redundancy and improve effi-
5 ciency in managing law enforcement and homeland
6 security partnerships with priority law enforcement
7 agencies.

8 (6) Assurance of continuity of intelligence sup-
9 port and convenings currently being provided to
10 SLTT entity partners through the ELO office, in-
11 cluding relevant HSIN-INTEL access.

12 (c) CERTIFICATION.—The Secretary of Homeland
13 Security shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Se-
14 curity of the House of Representatives and the Committee
15 on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the
16 Senate a certification not later than 60 days after com-
17 mencing implementation of the plan required under sub-
18 section (a).

19 (d) LIMITATION ON EXPANSION.—Until such time as
20 the Secretary of Homeland Security submits the plan re-
21 quired under subsection (a) and certifies commencement
22 of the implementation of such plan under subsection (c),
23 the Secretary may not—

24 (1) expand the staffing, budget, or pro-
25 grammatic scope of the ELO Office; or

(2) establish new offices in the Department duplicating the mission of the ELO Office or the Partner Engagement directorate of I&A without specific congressional authorization.

(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) DEPARTMENT.—The term “Department” means the Department of Homeland Security.

(2) ELO OFFICE.—The term “ELO Office” means the Engagement, Liaison, and Outreach office within the Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) of the Department of Homeland Security.

(3) I&A.—The term “I&A” means the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security.

(4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Homeland Security.

(5) SLTT ENTITY.—The term “SLTT entity” has the meaning given such term in section 2200 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 650).

(6) PRIORITY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.—The term “priority law enforcement agencies” means Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies identified by the Secretary as key partners for national security, counterterrorism, emergency response, or other mission-critical operations.

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