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S. 1038

To direct the Attorney General to include a data field in the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System to indicate whether the last known location of a missing person was confirmed or was suspected to have been on Federal land, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 13, 2025

Mr. TILLIS (for himself, Mr. PADILLA, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. COONS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JULY 28, 2025

Reported by Mr. GRASSLEY, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Tracking and Report-
3 ing Absent Community-Members Everywhere Act” or the
4 “TRACE Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this Act:

7 (1) **ATTORNEY GENERAL.**—The term “Attorney
8 General” means the Attorney General, acting
9 through the Director of the National Institute of
10 Justice.

11 (2) **FEDERAL LAND.**—The term “Federal land”
12 means land owned by the United States that is
13 under the administrative jurisdiction of—

14 (A) the Secretary of Agriculture;

15 (B) the Secretary of the Interior (except
16 land held in trust for the benefit of an Indian
17 Tribe); or

18 (C) the Secretary of Defense only with re-
19 spect to land and water resources projects ad-
20 ministered by the Corps of Engineers.

21 **SEC. 3. DATA FIELD IN THE NATIONAL MISSING AND UN-**
22 **IDENTIFIED PERSONS SYSTEM RELATED TO**
23 **FEDERAL LAND.**

24 The Attorney General shall include in the National
25 Missing and Unidentified Persons System a data field to
26 indicate whether the last known location of the missing

1 person was confirmed or was suspected to have been on
 2 Federal land, including any specific location details about
 3 the unit of Federal land that was the last known location
 4 of the missing person.

5 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

6 Not later than January 15 of the second calendar
 7 year that begins after the date of enactment of this Act,
 8 and annually thereafter, the Attorney General shall submit
 9 to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the
 10 Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representa-
 11 tives a report that contains, for the previous calendar year,
 12 the number of cases in the National Missing and Unidenti-
 13 fied Persons System for which the missing person's last
 14 known location was confirmed or was suspected to have
 15 been on Federal land.

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 7 Tribe); or

8 (C) the Secretary of Defense only with re-
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 10 ministered by the Corps of Engineers.

11 (3) *TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE UNITED*
 12 *STATES*.—The term “territorial waters of the United
 13 States” means all waters of the territorial sea of the
 14 United States, 12 nautical miles wide, adjacent to the
 15 coast of the United States and seaward of the terri-
 16 torial baseline, as described in Presidential Proclama-
 17 tion 5928 of December 27, 1988.

18 **SEC. 3. DATA FIELD IN THE NATIONAL MISSING AND UN-**
 19 **IDENTIFIED PERSONS SYSTEM RELATED TO**
 20 **FEDERAL LAND AND TERRITORIAL WATERS.**

21 The Attorney General shall include in the National
 22 Missing and Unidentified Persons System a data field to
 23 indicate whether the last known location of the missing per-
 24 son was confirmed or was suspected to have been on Federal
 25 land or in the territorial waters of the United States, in-

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2 *eral land or the area of the territorial waters of the United*
3 *States that was the last known location of the missing per-*
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13 *Persons System for which the missing person's last known*
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