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To establish a task force for the purpose of studying and making recommendations to prevent and combat internet-facilitated human trafficking.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BASS of California (for herself, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. WOLF, and Mr. MORAN) introduced the following bill

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Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Eliminate and Stop
5 Abuse, Frequent Exploitation, and Trafficking on the

1 Internet Task Force Act” or “E–SAFETI Task Force
2 Act”.

3 **SEC. 2. INTERNET-FACILITATED HUMAN TRAFFICKING**
4 **TASK FORCE.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
6 Department of State a task force to be known as the
7 “Eliminate and Stop Abuse, Frequent Exploitation, and
8 Trafficking on the Internet (E–SAFETI) Task Force”
9 (referred to in this Act as the “Task Force”), for the pur-
10 pose of studying and making recommendations to prevent
11 internet-facilitated human trafficking.

12 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—

13 (1) COMPOSITION.—The Task Force shall be
14 composed of 20 members as follows:

15 (A) A representative of the Department of
16 State, who shall be appointed by the Secretary
17 of State, and who shall serve as chair of the
18 Task Force.

19 (B) A representative of the Federal Com-
20 munications Commission, who shall be ap-
21 pointed by the Chairman of the Federal Com-
22 munications Commission.

23 (C) A representative of the Federal Bureau
24 of Investigation, who shall be appointed by the

1 Director of the Federal Bureau of Investiga-
2 tion.

3 (D) A representative of Immigration and
4 Customs Enforcement, who shall be appointed
5 by the Director of Immigration and Customs
6 Enforcement.

7 (E) A representative of the Administration
8 for Children and Families who, shall be ap-
9 pointed by the Assistant Secretary of Health
10 and Human Services for the Administration for
11 Children and Families.

12 (F) Two representatives of the Department
13 of Justice, who shall be appointed by the Attor-
14 ney General.

15 (G) A representative of the Department of
16 Labor, who shall be appointed by the Secretary
17 of Labor.

18 (H) Thirteen members appointed by the
19 Secretary of State (in consultation with the
20 other members of the Task Force), including—

21 (i) 3 members representing companies
22 that have exhibited leadership in com-
23 bating internet-facilitated human traf-
24 ficking, at least one of whom shall rep-
25 resent an Internet Web site company;

1 (ii) 2 members representing non-profit
2 organizations;

3 (iii) 2 members representing academic
4 institutions;

5 (iv) 1 member representing a State
6 Attorney General's office;

7 (v) 1 member who was a victim of a
8 severe form of trafficking in persons; and

9 (vi) 3 additional at-large members,
10 from the public or private sectors.

11 (2) APPOINTMENT.—Members of the Task
12 Force shall be appointed not later than 90 days
13 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

14 (3) COMPENSATION.—Members of the Task
15 Force shall not receive additional pay, allowances, or
16 benefits by reason of their service on the Commis-
17 sion.

18 (4) TERMS.—Members of the Task Force shall
19 serve at the pleasure of the appointing authorities.

20 (5) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy on the Task
21 Force shall be filled in the manner in which the
22 original appointment was made.

23 (c) DUTIES.—The Task Force shall—

24 (1) study the impact and prevalence of internet-
25 facilitated human trafficking; and

1 (2) make recommendations on how to best pre-
2 vent internet-facilitated human trafficking, includ-
3 ing—

4 (A) adoption of cutting-edge technology;

5 (B) collaboration with the private sector;

6 (C) better enforcement of current laws;

7 (D) improved information gather and
8 interdepartmental collaboration; and

9 (E) development of new law and policy.

10 (d) MEETINGS.—The Task Force shall meet not less
11 than three times in the first year after the establishment
12 of the Task Force, and not less than twice per year there-
13 after.

14 (e) REPORT.—The Task Force shall submit an an-
15 nual report to Congress on the activities, findings, and
16 recommendations of the Task Force.

17 (f) TERMINATION.—The Task Force shall terminate
18 3 years after the members of the Task Force are ap-
19 pointed in accordance with subsection (b).

20 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 (1) INTERNET-FACILITATED HUMAN TRAF-
22 FICKING.—The term “internet-facilitated human
23 trafficking” means the use of the Internet to engage
24 in severe forms of trafficking in persons.

1 (2) SEVERE FORMS OF TRAFFICKING IN PER-
2 SONS.—The term “severe forms of trafficking in
3 persons” has the meaning given such term in section
4 103 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of
5 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7102(8)).

6 (3) VICTIM OF A SEVERE FORM OF TRAF-
7 FICKING IN PERSONS.—The term “victim of a severe
8 form of trafficking in persons” has the meaning
9 given such term in section 103 of the Trafficking
10 Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C.
11 7102(13)).

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