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H. R. 1546

To amend the Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt Wildlife Trafficking Act of 2016 to direct the Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking to develop recommendations to address wildlife trafficking on the internet and on social media, and to direct the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to develop a strategy to address wildlife trafficking on the internet and on social media, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 3, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Georgia (for himself and Mr. GARAMENDI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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 referred to as the “Combating On-
5 line Wildlife Trafficking Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMBATING WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING.**

7 (a) TASK FORCE.—The Eliminate, Neutralize, and
8 Disrupt Wildlife Trafficking Act of 2016 (16 U.S.C. 7601
9 et seq.) is amended—

10 (1) in section 301 (16 U.S.C. 7631)—

11 (A) in subsection (d)—

12 (i) in paragraph (4) by striking “and”
13 at the end;

14 (ii) in paragraph (5) by striking the
15 period at the end and inserting “; and”;
16 and

17 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
18 lowing:

19 “(6) recommendations for how the Task Force
20 can expand cooperative exchanges with technology
21 and social media companies to combat wildlife traf-
22 ficking on the internet, including recommendations
23 for—

24 “(A) identifying how wildlife is trafficked
25 on internet sites and platforms;

1 “(B) methods for technology companies to
2 assist Federal agencies and international part-
3 ners to combat wildlife trafficking;

4 “(C) methods to improve public-private re-
5 lationships with technology and internet compa-
6 nies to combat wildlife trafficking; and

7 “(D) identifying correlations between wild-
8 life trafficking and the spread of zoonotic dis-
9 eases.”;

10 (B) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-
11 section (f); and

12 (C) by inserting after subsection (d) the
13 following:

14 “(e) TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL MEDIA WORKING
15 GROUP.—

16 “(1) MEMBERSHIP.—The Task Force shall
17 form a Technology and Social Media Working
18 Group, which shall be composed of such members of
19 the Task Force as the Task Force determines appro-
20 priate and a representative of the Chairman of the
21 Federal Communications Commission, as designated
22 by such Chairman.

23 “(2) PURPOSE.—Such Technology and Social
24 Media Working Group shall work to address ongoing
25 concerns with wildlife trafficking on the internet.

1 “(3) MEETINGS.—Such Technology and Social
2 Media Working Group shall convene at least once
3 each year.”;

4 (D) in subsection (f) (as redesignated in
5 subparagraph (B)), by striking “shall terminate
6 5 years after the date of the enactment of this
7 Act” and inserting “shall terminate on October
8 7, 2026”; and

9 (2) in section 402 (16 U.S.C. 7642), by adding
10 at the end the following:

11 “(c) INTERNET AND SOCIAL MEDIA.—The Secretary
12 of State and the Administrator of the United States Agen-
13 cy for International Development, in collaboration with
14 other relevant United States agencies, nongovernmental
15 partners, private sector companies, and international bod-
16 ies, shall develop a strategy for engaging and partnering
17 with internet and social media companies to combat the
18 spread of wildlife trafficking on the internet.”.

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