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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To address the growing complexity of the threat environment at United
States diplomatic posts.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LAWLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

To address the growing complexity of the threat environment
at United States diplomatic posts.

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 “Secure Our Embassies
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 Congress—

8 (1) recognizes the growing complexity of the
9 threat environment at United States diplomatic

1 posts and the critical need for seamless coordination
2 among personnel responsible for information secu-
3 rity, physical security, and facility operations;

4 (2) supports the Department of State's efforts
5 to strengthen coordination among Regional Security
6 Officers (RSOs), Diplomatic Technology Officers
7 (DTOs), Regional Security Engineering Officers
8 (RSEOs), and personnel from the Bureau of Over-
9 seas Buildings Operations (OBO), particularly dur-
10 ing the design, construction, and operations of over-
11 seas facilities;

12 (3) supports that Department of State per-
13 sonnel serving in these positions receive appropriate
14 and role-specific counterintelligence (CI) and re-
15 gional specific security training, which should ad-
16 dress regional and functional threat vectors, as well
17 as protocols for identifying and mitigating insider
18 threats, foreign intelligence collection risks, and
19 cyber vulnerabilities; and

20 (4) supports the development of joint training
21 modules or inter-bureau CI briefings to reinforce
22 shared security responsibilities and to prevent siloed
23 operational cultures.

1 **SEC. 3. REPORT.**

2 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
3 ment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to
4 Congress a report on actions the Secretary has taken and
5 will take to improve coordination across the positions de-
6 scribed in section 2 and to implement CI training stand-
7 ards for such positions. The report should include a de-
8 scription of current CI training requirements, planned im-
9 provements, and any resource needs to support implemen-
10 tation.