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114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To direct the Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking to identify strategies to prevent children from becoming victims of trafficking and review trafficking prevention efforts, to protect and assist in the recovery of victims of trafficking, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. NOEM introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

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 “Human Trafficking
5 Prevention, Intervention, and Recovery Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE REPORT ON CHILD**
2 **TRAFFICKING PRIMARY PREVENTION.**

3 (a) REVIEW.—The Interagency Task Force to Mon-
4 itor and Combat Trafficking, established under section
5 105 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22
6 U.S.C. 7103), shall conduct a review that, with regard to
7 trafficking in persons in the United States—

8 (1) in consultation with nongovernmental orga-
9 nizations that the Task Force determines appro-
10 priate, surveys and catalogues the activities of the
11 Federal Government and State governments to deter
12 individuals from committing trafficking offenses and
13 to prevent children from becoming victims of traf-
14 ficking;

15 (2) surveys academic literature on deterring in-
16 dividuals from committing trafficking offenses, pre-
17 venting children from becoming victims of traf-
18 ficking, the commercial sexual exploitation of chil-
19 dren, and other similar topics that the Task Force
20 determines appropriate;

21 (3) identifies best practices and effective strate-
22 gies to deter individuals from committing trafficking
23 offenses and to prevent children from becoming vic-
24 tims of trafficking; and

25 (4) identifies current gaps in research and data
26 that would be helpful in formulating effective strate-

1 gies to deter individuals from committing trafficking
2 offenses and to prevent children from becoming vic-
3 tims of trafficking.

4 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
5 of the enactment of this Act, the Interagency Task Force
6 to Monitor and Combat Trafficking shall provide to Con-
7 gress, and make publicly available in electronic format, a
8 report on the review conducted pursuant to subparagraph
9 (a).

10 **SEC. 3. GAO REPORT ON INTERVENTION.**

11 On the date that is one year after the date of the
12 enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the
13 United States shall submit to Congress a report, which
14 shall include—

15 (1) information on the efforts of Federal and
16 select State law enforcement agencies to combat
17 human trafficking in the United States; and

18 (2) information on each Federal grant program,
19 a purpose of which is to combat human trafficking
20 or assist victims of trafficking, as specified in an au-
21 thorizing statute or in a guidance document issued
22 by the agency carrying out the grant program.

1 **SEC. 4. PROVISION OF HOUSING PERMITTED TO PROTECT**
2 **AND ASSIST IN THE RECOVERY OF VICTIMS**
3 **OF TRAFFICKING.**

4 Section 107(b)(2)(A) of the Trafficking Victims Pro-
5 tection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7105(b)(2)(A)) is amended
6 by inserting before the period at the end the following:
7 “, including programs that provide housing to victims of
8 trafficking”.

9 **SEC. 5. VICTIM OF TRAFFICKING DEFINED.**

10 In this Act, the term and “victim of trafficking” has
11 the meaning given such term in section 103 of the Traf-
12 ficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7102).