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To establish a Supply Chain Fraud and Theft Task Force.

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Mr. VALADAO (for himself, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. COSTA, and Mr. FONG) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To establish a Supply Chain Fraud and Theft Task Force.

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 “Safeguarding Our Sup-
5 ply Chains Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUPPLY CHAIN CRIME COORDINATION CENTER.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
8 rity, acting through the Director of Homeland Security
9 Investigations, shall establish a Supply Chain Crime Co-
10 ordination Center through the agency’s Innovation Lab
11 to—

1 (1) collect and analyze data related to supply
2 chain fraud and theft; and

3 (2) identify regions in the United States, modes
4 of transportation, distribution networks, and retail
5 stores that are experiencing high volumes of orga-
6 nized crime.

7 (b) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out subsection (a),
8 the Secretary of Homeland Security, acting through the
9 Director of Homeland Security Investigations, shall, to the
10 maximum extent practicable, consult with—

11 (1) other Federal agencies;

12 (2) Federal, State, local, tribal, and foreign law
13 enforcement agencies; and

14 (3) the private sector.

15 **SEC. 3. SUPPLY CHAIN FRAUD AND THEFT TASK FORCE.**

16 (a) TASK FORCE.—Not later than 120 days after the
17 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland
18 Security, acting through the Director of Homeland Secu-
19 rity Investigations and in conjunction with the Attorney
20 General and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Inves-
21 tigation, shall establish a Supply Chain Fraud and Theft
22 Task Force (in this section, referred to as “Task Force”).

23 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Task Force is to
24 address supply chain fraud and theft throughout the rail,
25 motor carrier, and intermodal systems, as well as detect,

1 disrupt, and deter organized theft groups that are tar-
2 geting all stages of the supply chain by—

3 (1) facilitating collaboration among Federal,
4 State, local, tribal, and foreign law enforcement
5 agencies to execute coordinated activities in further-
6 ance of supply chain security, and homeland secu-
7 rity;

8 (2) enhancing information-sharing, including
9 the dissemination of information about theft and
10 fraud in the American supply chain among such
11 agencies;

12 (3) tracking trends with respect to organized
13 crime throughout the supply chain;

14 (4) establishing relationships with affected pri-
15 vate sector companies, sharing information with
16 such companies regarding organized crime and pro-
17 viding mechanisms for the receipt of investigative in-
18 formation on such threats; and

19 (5) establishing a secure system for sharing in-
20 formation regarding organized crime threats by
21 leveraging existing systems at the Homeland Secu-
22 rity Investigations and the Federal Bureau of Inves-
23 tigation.

24 (c) MEMBERS.—The Task Force shall be comprised
25 of personnel from the following:

- 1 (1) U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforce-
2 ment.
- 3 (2) Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- 4 (3) Drug Enforcement Administration.
- 5 (4) Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and
6 Explosives.
- 7 (5) U.S. Postal Inspection Service.
- 8 (6) U.S. Customs and Border Protection.
- 9 (7) Other Department of Homeland Security
10 personnel, as appropriate.
- 11 (8) Other Department of Justice personnel, as
12 appropriate.
- 13 (9) Other Federal agencies, as appropriate.
- 14 (10) Appropriate State law enforcement agen-
15 cies.
- 16 (11) Foreign law enforcement agencies, as ap-
17 propriate.
- 18 (12) Local law enforcement agencies from af-
19 fected cities and communities.
- 20 (13) Railroad police.
- 21 (14) Association of the United States Army
22 personnel focused on cargo issues.
- 23 (15) Appropriate tribal law enforcement agen-
24 cies.

1 (d) TASK FORCE DEPLOYMENT.—The Secretary may
2 deploy the Task Force in jurisdictions in which such Task
3 Force is necessary to achieve the purposes described in
4 subsection (b), as appropriate. Before deploying the Task
5 Force, the Secretary shall consider—

6 (1) data collected and analyzed by the Supply
7 Chain Crime Coordination Center established under
8 section 2;

9 (2) regions in the United States, modes of
10 transportation, distribution networks, and retail
11 stores that are experiencing high volumes of orga-
12 nized crime, as identified by the Supply Chain Crime
13 Coordination Center established under section 2;

14 (3) the availability of Federal, State, local, trib-
15 al, foreign law enforcement, and railroad police re-
16 sources to participate in the Task Force; and

17 (4) whether or not a law enforcement initiative
18 already exists in the area in which the Task Force
19 would be established.

20 (e) DUTIES.—It shall be the duty of the Task Force
21 to ensure a coordinated, multi-agency, intelligence-based,
22 and prosecutor-led approach to identifying, disrupting,
23 and dismantling organizations responsible for the orga-
24 nized theft, fraud, and theft-related violence in the United
25 States supply chain.

1 (f) OPERATION.—The Secretary may take other ac-
2 tions to assist Federal, State, local, and tribal entities to
3 participate in the Task Force, including providing finan-
4 cial assistance, as appropriate, for operational, adminis-
5 trative, and technological costs associated with the partici-
6 pation of Federal, State, local, and tribal law enforcement
7 agencies in the Task Force.

8 (g) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
9 on which the Task Force is established under this section,
10 and annually thereafter for the following 5 years, the Sec-
11 retary shall submit a report to Congress that describes
12 the effectiveness of the Task Force in identifying and dis-
13 mantling organized theft groups that profit from cargo
14 theft, organized retail crime, fraud, other theft-related
15 crimes that threaten the economy and security of the
16 United States, as measured by crime statistics and data
17 compiled by the Supply Chain Crime Coordination Center
18 established under section 2.

19 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
20 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act
21 \$100,000,000 for fiscal years 2025 through 2029.

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