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To direct the Federal Trade Commission, in conjunction with the Department of Justice, to convene an interagency task force for the purpose of addressing scams, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mrs. HOUCHIN, Ms. CRAIG, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. NORTON, Mr. WHITESIDES, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, and Mr. SUBRAMANYAM) introduced the following bill; which was 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

To direct the Federal Trade Commission, in conjunction with the Department of Justice, to convene an interagency task force for the purpose of addressing scams, and for other purposes.

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 “Strategic Task Force
5 on Scam Prevention Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TASK FORCE.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Federal Trade Commis-
3 sion, in conjunction with the Department of Justice, shall
4 convene an interagency task force for the purpose of ad-
5 dressing scams.

6 (b) COMPOSITION.—The task force convened under
7 subsection (a) shall include representatives from each of
8 the following:

9 (1) The Department of Homeland Security, in-
10 cluding the United States Secret Service.

11 (2) The Department of Justice, including the
12 Federal Bureau of Investigation.

13 (3) The Department of State.

14 (4) The Department of the Treasury.

15 (5) The Department of Veterans Affairs.

16 (6) The Federal Communications Commission.

17 (7) The Federal Trade Commission.

18 (8) The Securities and Exchange Commission.

19 (9) The Social Security Administration.

20 (10) The United States Postal Service.

21 (c) DUTIES.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The task force convened
23 under subsection (a) shall develop and implement a
24 national strategy to address scams that includes—

25 (A) utilization of—

1 (i) the Consumer Sentinel Network of
2 the Federal Trade Commission; and

3 (ii) the Internet Crime Complaint
4 Center of the Federal Bureau of Investiga-
5 tion;

6 (B) public education;

7 (C) coordination with industry entities, in-
8 cluding providers of online platforms;

9 (D) enforcement actions using existing au-
10 thorities, including authorities with respect to
11 money laundering, human trafficking, and
12 fraud;

13 (E) coordination with international part-
14 ners; and

15 (F) strategies to reduce the systemic risk
16 of financial losses as a result of scams and im-
17 prove recovery resources for victims of scams.

18 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
19 date of the enactment of this Act, the task force
20 convened under subsection (a) shall submit to Con-
21 gress, and make available to the public, a report on
22 the actions taken by the task force pursuant to
23 paragraph (1).

24 (d) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out the duties spec-
25 ified in subsection (c), the task force convened under sub-

1 section (a) shall consult with representatives of the fol-
2 lowing:

3 (1) Consumer advocacy organizations that ad-
4 dress fraud and scams.

5 (2) Industry, including the following industry
6 sectors:

7 (A) Banking.

8 (B) Consumer-facing generative artificial
9 intelligence applications.

10 (C) Cryptocurrency.

11 (D) Dating applications.

12 (E) Peer-to-peer payment platforms.

13 (F) Search engines.

14 (G) Social media.

15 (H) Communications equipment manufac-
16 turers.

17 (I) Communications providers.

18 (3) State attorneys general.

19 (4) State securities commissions (including
20 State agencies and offices that perform similar func-
21 tions).

22 (5) Local law enforcement entities.

1 (e) TERMINATION.—The task force convened under
2 subsection (a) shall terminate on the date that is 10 years
3 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

