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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. PETERS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Faith-Based and Nonprofit Organizations From Terrorism Act of 2019”.

SEC. 2. NONPROFIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM.

(a) In general.—Subtitle A of title XX of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 603 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 2009. NONPROFIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM.

"(a) Definition.—In this section, the term ‘eligible nonprofit organization’ means an organization that is—

"(1) described in section 501(c)(3) of the InternalRevenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code; and

"(2) determined to be at risk of a terrorist attack by the Administrator.

"(b) Establishment.—There is established in the Department a program to be known as the ‘Nonprofit Security Grant Program’, under which the Secretary, acting through the Administrator, shall make grants to eligible nonprofit organizations, through the State in which such organizations are located, for target hardening and other security enhancements to protect against terrorist attacks.

"(c) Permitted Uses.—The recipient of a grant under this section may use such grant for any of the following uses:

"(1) Target hardening activities, including physical security enhancement equipment and inspection and screening systems."
“(2) Fees for security training relating to physical security and cybersecurity, target hardening, terrorism awareness, and employee awareness.

“(3) Any other appropriate activity, including cybersecurity resilience activities, as determined by the Administrator.

“(d) Period of Performance.—The Administrator shall make funds provided under this section available for use by a recipient of a grant for a period of not less than 36 months.

“(e) Report.—The Administrator shall annually for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024 submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives a report containing information on the expenditure by each recipient of grant funds provided under this section.

“(f) Authorization of Appropriations.—

“(1) In general.—There is authorized to be appropriated $75,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024 to carry out this section.

“(2) Specification.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated pursuant to paragraph (1)—
“(A) $50,000,000 is authorized for eligible nonprofit organizations located in jurisdictions that receive funding under section 2003; and

“(B) $25,000,000 is authorized for eligible nonprofit organizations located in jurisdictions not receiving funding under section 2003.”.


(c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 2008 the following:

“Sec. 2009. Nonprofit security grant program.”.