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To direct the Federal Communications Commission to establish an interagency taskforce on unlawful robocalls.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BUDD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_  
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**A BILL**

To direct the Federal Communications Commission to establish an interagency taskforce on unlawful robocalls.

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 “Foreign Robocall  
5 Elimination Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INTERAGENCY TASKFORCE ON UNLAWFUL**  
7 **ROBOCALLS.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after  
9 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Federal Commu-

1 nications Commission, in consultation with the Federal  
2 Trade Commission and the Attorney General, shall estab-  
3 lish an interagency taskforce on unlawful robocalls.

4 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The taskforce shall be com-  
6 posed of the following members:

7 (A) A representative of each Federal agen-  
8 cy that the Federal Communications Commis-  
9 sion, in consultation with the Federal Trade  
10 Commission and the Attorney General, con-  
11 siders appropriate, to be appointed by the head  
12 of such agency.

13 (B) Three representatives of private-sector  
14 entities, to be appointed as described in para-  
15 graph (2)—

16 (i) one of whom is a representative of  
17 a provider of telephone service; and

18 (ii) two of whom are representatives  
19 of other private-sector entities with exper-  
20 tise in combating unlawful robocalls and  
21 who may be technologists and technology  
22 experts.

23 (2) APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
24 PRIVATE-SECTOR ENTITIES.—The members of the  
25 taskforce described in paragraph (1)(B) shall be

1 jointly appointed by the Chairman of the Federal  
2 Communications Commission, the Chairman of the  
3 Federal Trade Commission, and the Attorney Gen-  
4 eral. If the Chairman of the Federal Communica-  
5 tions Commission, the Chairman of the Federal  
6 Trade Commission, and the Attorney General cannot  
7 reach agreement regarding such an appointment, as  
8 determined by the Chairman of the Federal Commu-  
9 nications Commission, the Chairman of the Federal  
10 Communications Commission shall make such ap-  
11 pointment.

12 (c) STUDY.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The taskforce shall conduct  
14 a study on unlawful robocalls, including the most ef-  
15 fective ways to combat unlawful robocalls made into  
16 the United States from outside the United States.

17 (2) MATTERS TO BE STUDIED.—In conducting  
18 the study required by paragraph (1), the taskforce  
19 shall—

20 (A) compare the number of unlawful  
21 robocalls made within the United States and  
22 the number of unlawful robocalls made into the  
23 United States from outside the United States;

1 (B) examine methods for encouraging  
2 adoption of caller authentication technology in  
3 foreign countries;

4 (C) examine and provide information on  
5 options for countries to share caller authentica-  
6 tion information for international calls;

7 (D) examine how technical solutions such  
8 as caller authentication technology would im-  
9 prove coordination between the United States  
10 and foreign countries in combating unlawful  
11 robocalls;

12 (E) examine ways to incentivize foreign  
13 countries to cooperate with United States law  
14 enforcement efforts to combat unlawful  
15 robocalls;

16 (F) examine ways to incentivize providers  
17 of telephone service to take measures to combat  
18 unlawful robocalls placed across international  
19 borders; and

20 (G) examine whether or not additional re-  
21 sources are needed by any Federal agency that  
22 combats unlawful robocalls or any other organi-  
23 zation that combats unlawful robocalls, in order  
24 to more effectively combat unlawful robocalls

1           made into the United States from outside the  
2           United States.

3           (3) COLLABORATION WITH PRIVATE SECTOR.—

4           In conducting the study required by paragraph (1),  
5           the taskforce shall collaborate with technologists and  
6           private-sector innovators, including through the  
7           members of the taskforce appointed under sub-  
8           section (b)(2), to find solutions for combating unlaw-  
9           ful robocalls.

10          (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 10  
11         months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
12         taskforce shall submit to Congress a report on the findings  
13         of the study required by subsection (c)(1).

14          (e) TERMINATION.—The taskforce shall terminate on  
15         the date that is 90 days after the taskforce submits the  
16         report required by subsection (d).

17          (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18                 (1) FEDERAL AGENCY.—The term “Federal  
19                 agency” has the meaning given the term “agency”  
20                 in section 551 of title 5, United States Code.

21                 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means each  
22                 State of the United States, the District of Columbia,  
23                 each commonwealth, territory, or possession of the  
24                 United States, and each federally recognized Indian  
25                 Tribe.

1           (3) TASKFORCE.—The term “taskforce” means  
2           the taskforce on unlawful robocalls established under  
3           subsection (a).

4           (4) UNLAWFUL ROBOCALL.—The term “unlaw-  
5           ful robocall” means a telephone call made in viola-  
6           tion of—

7                   (A) section 227(b) of the Communications  
8                   Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227(b)); or

9                   (B) a similar law of a State or a foreign  
10                  country that prohibits calls made using an  
11                  automatic telephone dialing system or an artifi-  
12                  cial or prerecorded voice.