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H. R. 3669

To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a collective response to a terrorism exercise that includes the management of cascading effects on critical infrastructure during times of extreme cold weather, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SLOTKIN (for herself, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. RYAN, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. KATKO, Mr. ARMSTRONG, and Mr. YOUNG) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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 “Weatherizing Infra-
5 structure in the North and Terrorism Emergency Readiness
6 Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXERCISE ON TERRORIST ATTACK DURING EX-**
2 **TREME COLD.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—In addition to, or as part of exer-
4 cise programs currently carried out by the Department of
5 Homeland Security, to enhance domestic preparedness for
6 terrorism, promote the dissemination of homeland security
7 information, and test the homeland security posture of the
8 United States, the Secretary of Homeland Security, acting
9 through appropriate offices and components of the De-
10 partment, shall develop and conduct a collective response
11 to terrorism exercise that includes management of cas-
12 cading effects on critical infrastructure (as such term is
13 defined in section 1016(e) of Public Law 107–56 (42
14 U.S.C. 5195c(e))), such as an extreme cold weather event
15 caused by a polar vortex.

16 (b) **EXERCISE REQUIREMENTS.**—The exercise re-
17 quired under subsection (a) shall include a scenario involv-
18 ing the following:

19 (1) An extreme cold weather event, such as an
20 event caused by a polar vortex, with respect to ac-
21 cess to critical services.

22 (2) Any cascading effects on critical infrastruc-
23 ture.

24 (3) How the effects of a successful terrorist at-
25 tack against critical infrastructure could be miti-
26 gated by emergency managers, State officials, and

1 appropriate private sector and community stake-
2 holders.

3 (4) How the resilience of communities that
4 could be impacted by such an attack could be bol-
5 stered.

6 (5) Coordination with appropriate Federal de-
7 partments and agencies, and State, local, Tribal,
8 and territorial agencies.

9 (6) Coordination with appropriate private sector
10 and community stakeholders.

11 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the com-
12 pletion of the exercise required under subsection (a), the
13 Secretary of Homeland Security shall, consistent with the
14 protection of classified information, submit to the Com-
15 mittee on Homeland Security of the House of Representa-
16 tives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
17 ernmental Affairs of the Senate an after-action report pre-
18 senting the initial findings of such exercise, any immediate
19 and longer-term plans for incorporating lessons learned
20 into future operations of the Department of Homeland Se-
21 curity, and any proposed legislative changes informed by
22 such exercise.

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