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# H. R. 452

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 10, 2019

Mr. FLEISCHMANN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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## 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 “Combating Terrorist  
5       Recruitment Act of 2019”.

6       **SEC. 2. DIRECTIVE.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
8       rity shall incorporate, to the extent practicable, into De-

1 partment of Homeland Security efforts to combat terrorist  
2 recruitment and communications the public testimonials  
3 of former violent extremists or their associates, including  
4 friends and family. Such efforts may include the following:

5 (1) Counter-messaging of foreign terrorist orga-  
6 nization communications and narratives.

7 (2) Related community engagement and public  
8 education efforts.

9 (b) COORDINATION.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-  
10 curity shall coordinate the efforts described in subsection  
11 (a) with the heads of other Federal departments and agen-  
12 cies, as appropriate, and, to the extent practicable, engage  
13 nongovernmental and international partners in the identi-  
14 fication and use of testimonials described in such sub-  
15 section.

16 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act  
17 may be construed to require the Secretary of Homeland  
18 Security to collect testimonials directly from former vio-  
19 lent extremists or their associates, including friends and  
20 family.

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