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H. R. 6895

To prevent agencies from using unmanned aerial vehicles to conduct surveillance of United States citizens, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2020

Mr. BIGGS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Buzz Off Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING USE OF UNMANNED AERIAL VEHI-**
6 **CLES.**

7 (a) SURVEILLANCE.—A Federal law enforcement
8 agency may not use an unmanned aerial vehicle to inten-
9 tionally conduct surveillance of, gather evidence or collect
10 information about, or photographically or electronically

1 record a specifically targeted United States citizen or the
2 specifically targeted private property of a United States
3 citizen.

4 (b) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), a
5 Federal law enforcement agency may use an unmanned
6 aerial vehicle to photograph, or otherwise record a United
7 States citizen for the purposes of publishing or otherwise
8 publicly disseminating such photograph or recording if the
9 agency obtains the written consent of such United States
10 citizen.

11 (c) APPLICABILITY.—Subsection (a) shall not apply
12 in the case that—

13 (1) the President, acting through the Secretary
14 of Homeland Security, authorizes use of an un-
15 manned aerial vehicle to conduct surveillance if the
16 Secretary certifies in writing under oath that the
17 surveillance is necessary to counter a high risk of a
18 terrorist attack by a specific individual or organiza-
19 tion; or

20 (2) the head of a Federal law enforcement
21 agency first obtains a search warrant signed by a
22 judge authorizing the use of an unmanned aerial ve-
23 hicle.

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