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To allow Homeland Security Grant Program funds to be used to safeguard faith-based community centers and houses of worship across the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 2, 2019

Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Ms. MCSALLY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Faith-Based Commu-
5 nity Center Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT**
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 Title XX of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6
4 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) is amended—

5 (1) in section 2001 (6 U.S.C. 601)—

6 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (10)
7 through (14) as paragraphs (12) through (16),
8 respectively;

9 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (6)
10 through (9) as paragraphs (7) through (10), re-
11 spectively;

12 (C) by inserting after paragraph (5) the
13 following:

14 “(6) FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY CENTER.—The
15 term ‘faith-based community center’ means—

16 “(A) a facility operated by a nonprofit
17 faith-based community organization for the pro-
18 vision of recreational, social, or education serv-
19 ices; or

20 “(B) a house of worship.”; and

21 (D) by inserting after paragraph (10), as
22 so redesignated, the following:

23 “(11) NONPROFIT.—The term ‘nonprofit’
24 means an organization described under section
25 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and

1 exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such
2 Code.”; and

3 (2) in section 2008 (6 U.S.C. 609)—

4 (A) in subsection (a)—

5 (i) in paragraph (13), by striking
6 “and” at the end;

7 (ii) by redesignating paragraph (14)
8 as paragraph (15); and

9 (iii) by inserting after paragraph (13)
10 the following:

11 “(14) protecting a faith-based community cen-
12 ter or vulnerable populations, including children or
13 the elderly; and”;

14 (B) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(g) PROTECTION OF FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY
16 CENTERS AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS.—

17 “(1) ALLOCATION OF GRANT FUNDS.—Of the
18 total amount authorized to be appropriated under
19 paragraph (3) for grants awarded for the purpose
20 described in subsection (a)(14), the Administrator
21 shall award—

22 “(A) 50 percent for the protection of faith-
23 based community centers and vulnerable popu-
24 lations in communities with a population of not

1 more than 1,000,000 individuals, as determined
2 by the latest available decennial census; and

3 “(B) 50 percent for the protection of faith-
4 based community centers in communities and
5 vulnerable populations with a population of
6 more than 1,000,000 individuals, as determined
7 by the latest available decennial census.

8 “(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
9 There are authorized to be appropriated
10 \$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2020 to the Adminis-
11 trator to make grants for the purpose described in
12 subsection (a)(14).”.

13 **SEC. 3. FALSE INFORMATION AND HOAXES.**

14 Section 1038(a)(1)(A) of title 18, United States
15 Code, is amended by striking “5 years” and inserting “10
16 years”.

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