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To require the Department of Homeland Security to conduct an exercise related to agroterrorism, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STRONG 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 “Civil Preparedness for
5 Agroterrorism Exercise Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXERCISE ON AGROTERRORISM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to, or as part of exer-
8 cise programs currently carried out by the Department of
9 Homeland Security, to enhance domestic preparedness for
10 and collective response to terrorism, promote the dissemi-

1 nation of homeland security information, and test the se-
2 curity posture of the United States, the Secretary of
3 Homeland Security, acting through appropriate offices
4 and components of the Department and in coordination
5 with the heads of appropriate Federal departments and
6 agencies, shall, not later than four years after the date
7 of the enactment of this section, conduct an exercise re-
8 lated to the prevention, response to, recovery from, and
9 mitigation of an act of agroterrorism.

10 (b) EXERCISE REQUIREMENTS.—The exercise re-
11 quired under subsection (a) shall—

12 (1) include a scenario involving—

13 (A) developing preparedness for
14 agroterrorists attempting to unlawfully trans-
15 port into the United States a biological agent
16 capable of adversely affecting the operations
17 of—

18 (i) the agriculture and food critical in-
19 frastructure sector; or

20 (ii) other related economic sectors;

21 (B) developing preparedness for
22 agroterrorists deploying within the United
23 States a biological agent capable of adversely
24 affecting the operations of—

1 (i) the agriculture and food critical in-
2 frastructure sector; or

3 (ii) other related economic sectors;
4 and

5 (C) collective action by participants to de-
6 termine the most effective response in man-
7 aging and mitigating the effects of widespread
8 disruption to the agriculture and food critical
9 infrastructure sector or other related economic
10 sectors as a result of agroterrorism, including
11 through—

12 (i) effectively deploying incident com-
13 mand involving the entities specified in
14 paragraph (2);

15 (ii) identifying key resources nec-
16 essary to respond to, and recover from,
17 and mitigate widespread disruption of the
18 agriculture and food critical infrastructure
19 sector or other related economic sectors as
20 a result of agroterrorism; and

21 (iii) determining an efficient and ef-
22 fective allocation of such key resources,
23 and addressing capability and capacity
24 gaps at all levels of government; and

25 (2) include coordination with appropriate—

- 1 (A) Federal departments and agencies;
- 2 (B) State, local, Tribal, and territorial
3 agencies;
- 4 (C) private sector owners and operators
5 of—
- 6 (i) food and agricultural facilities;
- 7 (ii) other components of the agri-
8 culture and food critical infrastructure sec-
9 tor; and
- 10 (iii) components of other related eco-
11 nomic sectors;
- 12 (D) representatives of and practitioners
13 from the emergency preparedness and response
14 community; and
- 15 (E) other stakeholders in, and subject mat-
16 ter experts of, the defense of the agriculture
17 and food critical infrastructure sector from
18 agroterrorism.

19 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the com-
20 pletion of the exercise required under subsection (a), the
21 Secretary of Homeland Security shall, consistent with the
22 protection of classified information, submit to the Com-
23 mittee on Homeland Security of the House of Representa-
24 tives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-

1 ernmental Affairs of the Senate an after-action report that
2 contains the following:

3 (1) The findings of such exercise, together with
4 associated plans and a timeline for incorporating les-
5 sons learned into future operations of the Depart-
6 ment of Homeland Security to counter and deter
7 agroterrorism.

8 (2) Recommended legislative actions for improv-
9 ing the security posture of the United States and the
10 future operations of the Department to counter and
11 deter agroterrorism.

12 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) AGROTERRORISM.—The term
14 “agroterrorism” means an act of terrorism (as such
15 term is defined in section 2 of the Homeland Secu-
16 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101)) that threatens to
17 target or targets the agriculture and food critical in-
18 frastructure sector of the United States.

19 (2) AGROTERRORIST.—The term
20 “agroterrorist” means any actor who commits an act
21 of agroterrorism.

22 (3) BIOLOGICAL AGENT.—The term “biological
23 agent” has the meaning given such term in section
24 178 of title 18, United States Code.

1 (4) CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.—The term
2 “critical infrastructure” has the meaning given such
3 term in section 1016(e) of Public Law 107–56 (42
4 U.S.C. 5195c(e)).

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