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To require the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network to issue an advisory about how homegrown violent extremists and other perpetrators of domestic terrorism procure firearms and firearm accessories, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WEXTON (for herself, Mr. BEYER, Ms. DEAN, Mr. CASTEN of Illinois, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. HASTINGS, and Ms. NORTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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 “Gun Violence Preven-
5 tion Through Financial Intelligence Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADVISORY ON THE PROCUREMENT OF FIREARMS**
2 **AND FIREARM ACCESSORIES FOR THE PUR-**
3 **POSES OF CARRYING OUT “LONE WOLF” ACTS**
4 **OF TERROR AND ON THE CRIMINAL EXPLOI-**
5 **TATION OF THE UNITED STATES FIREARMS**
6 **MARKET.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—

8 (1) REQUEST FOR INFORMATION.—The Financial
9 Crimes Enforcement Network shall, not later
10 than one year after the date of the enactment of this
11 section, request information from financial institutions
12 for the purpose of developing an advisory
13 about the identification and reporting of suspicious
14 activity pursuant to section 5318(g) of title 31,
15 United States Code, concerning—

16 (A) activity relating to how homegrown
17 violent extremists and perpetrators of domestic
18 terrorism procure firearms and firearm accessories
19 for the purpose of carrying out “lone
20 actor” or “lone wolf” acts of terror within the
21 United States; and

22 (B) the ways in which the United States
23 firearms market is exploited to facilitate gun violence
24 in the United States.

25 (2) TAILORING.—In requesting information
26 pursuant to paragraph (1), FinCEN shall consider

1 the size of the financial institution from which it is
2 seeking information and tailor the request accord-
3 ingly.

4 (3) CONSULTATION.—Before requesting infor-
5 mation pursuant to paragraph (1), FinCEN shall
6 consult, with regard to the nature of such request,
7 with the following:

8 (A) The Director of the Federal Bureau of
9 Investigation.

10 (B) The head of the Bureau of Alcohol,
11 Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives at the De-
12 partment of Justice.

13 (C) Sellers of firearm and firearm acces-
14 sories.

15 (b) ADVISORY.—

16 (1) SUFFICIENT INFORMATION COLLECTED.—If
17 FinCEN determines that the information collected
18 pursuant to subsection (a) is sufficient to develop
19 the advisory described in subsection (a), FinCEN
20 shall issue such advisory not later than 180 days
21 after the conclusion of the 1-year period beginning
22 on the date of the enactment of this section.

23 (2) INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION COL-
24 LECTED.—If FinCEN determines that the informa-
25 tion collected pursuant to subsection (a) is not suffi-

1 cient to develop the advisory described in subsection
2 (a), FinCEN shall, not later than 180 days after the
3 conclusion of the 1-year period beginning on the
4 date of the enactment of this section, submit a re-
5 port to the Committee on Financial Services of the
6 House of Representatives and the Committee on
7 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate
8 that describes—

9 (A) the type information that was collected
10 pursuant to subsection (a);

11 (B) the methodology that was used to col-
12 lect such information;

13 (C) the degree to which financial institu-
14 tions provided information requested;

15 (D) why such information is not sufficient
16 to develop the advisory described in subsection
17 (a); and

18 (E) any barriers to obtaining the informa-
19 tion that is required to develop the advisory de-
20 scribed in subsection (a).

21 (c) RULEMAKING.—FinCEN shall, not later than 3
22 months after the date of the enactment of this section,
23 after consulting with the Director of the Federal Bureau
24 of Investigation and the head of the Bureau of Alcohol,
25 Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives at the Department of

1 Justice, define by rule the following terms for the purposes
2 of this section:

3 (1) Firearm accessory.

4 (2) Homegrown violent extremist.

5 (3) Lone wolf.

6 (4) Lone actor.

7 (d) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section:

8 (1) DOMESTIC TERRORISM.—The term “domes-
9 tic terrorism” has the meaning given the term in
10 section 2331 of title 18, United States Code.

11 (2) FINCEN.—The term “FinCEN” means the
12 Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

13 (3) FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.—The term “fi-
14 nancial institution” has the meaning given the term
15 in section 5312(a) of title 31, United States Code.

16 (4) FIREARM.—The term “firearm” has the
17 meaning given the term in section 921(a) of title 18,
18 United States Code.

