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To establish a Federal multi-agency task force to combat illegal importation, distribution, and sale of e-cigarettes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CONAWAY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To establish a Federal multi-agency task force to combat illegal importation, distribution, and sale of e-cigarettes.

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 “Strengthening Task
5 Force Operations to Prevent Illicit Vapes Act” or the
6 “S.T.O.P. Illicit Vapes Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL MULTI-AGENCY TASK FORCE TO COMBAT**2 **ILLEGAL IMPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION, AND**3 **SALE OF E-CIGARETTES.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—On the date that is 30 days
5 after the date of enactment of this Act, there shall be es-
6 tablished (or reestablished) a multi-agency task force to
7 combat the illegal importation, distribution, and sale of
8 e-cigarettes (in this section referred to as the “Task
9 Force”).

10 (b) PURPOSE.—The Task Force shall develop and
11 implement a comprehensive strategy for reducing the
12 number of unauthorized e-cigarettes in the market, includ-
13 ing setting goals, sharing information, and coordinating
14 efforts where appropriate.

15 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—The Task Force shall be com-
16 posed of each of the following members:

17 (1) The Attorney General, who shall serve as
18 co-chair.

19 (2) The Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
20 ices, who shall serve as co-chair.

21 (3) At least one representative of the Food and
22 Drug Administration, appointed by the Commis-
23 sioner of Food and Drugs.

24 (4) At least one representative of the Depart-
25 ment of Justice, appointed by the Attorney General.

4 (6) A representative of the Bureau of Alcohol,
5 Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, appointed by the
6 Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Fire-
7 arms, and Explosives.

11 (8) A representative of the United States Postal
12 Inspection Service, appointed by the Chief Postal In-
13 spector.

14 (9) A representative of the Federal Trade Com-
15 mission, appointed by the Chair of the Federal
16 Trade Commission.

17 (10) A representative of Homeland Security In-
18 vestigations, appointed by the Executive Associate
19 Director of Homeland Security Investigations

20 (11) A representative of the Federal Bureau of
21 Investigation, appointed by the Director of the Fed-
22 eral Bureau of Investigation.

1 e-cigarette enforcement, as appointed by the co-
2 chairs of the Task Force, acting jointly.

3 (d) MEETINGS.—The Task Force shall meet not less
4 frequently than once every 30 days.

5 (e) SEMIANNUAL REPORTS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than April 30 and
7 October 31 of each year, the Task Force shall sub-
8 mit to the appropriate congressional committees a
9 report detailing—

10 (A) the authorities of each agency rep-
11 resented on the Task Force to combat the ille-
12 gal importation, distribution, and sale of e-ciga-
13 rettes;

14 (B) all actions taken by each agency rep-
15 resented on the Task Force to combat the ille-
16 gal importation, distribution, and sale of e-ciga-
17 rettes, including the investigation and prosecu-
18 tion of criminal, civil, seizure, and forfeiture ac-
19 tions, including enforcement actions against un-
20 authorized e-cigarette manufacturers, import-
21 ers, and distributors, during the 6-month pe-
22 riod—

23 (i) with respect to a report due on
24 April 30, ending on the immediately pre-
25 ceding March 31; or

1 (ii) with respect to a report due on
2 October 31, ending on the immediately
3 preceding September 30;

4 (C) recommendations for additional criminal
5 or civil authorities that may be necessary to
6 address the public health threat of the illegal
7 importation, distribution, and sale of e-ciga-
8 rettes; and

12 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
13 TEES.—In this subsection, the term “appropriate
14 congressional committees” means—

19 (B) the Committee on the Judiciary, the
20 Committee on Energy and Commerce, and the
21 Committee on Appropriations of the House of
22 Representatives.

23 (f) SUNSET.—The Task Force shall terminate on the
24 date that is 10 years after the date on which the Task
25 Force is established under subsection (a).