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

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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**A BILL**

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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.

1           (5) A representative of U.S. Customs and Bor-  
2           der Protection, appointed by the Commissioner of  
3           U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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.

8           (7) A representative of the United States Mar-  
9           shals Service, appointed by the Director of the  
10          United States Marshals Service.

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

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.

23          (12) Representatives of such other Federal  
24          agencies that have roles or responsibilities related to

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 crimi-  
5 nal 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

9 (D) areas for improvement with respect to  
10 collaboration among the agencies represented  
11 on the Task Force.

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

15 (A) the Committee on the Judiciary, the  
16 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and  
17 Pensions, and the Committee on Appropriations  
18 of the Senate; and

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).