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To strengthen enforcement of United States export controls by increasing the number of export control officers of the Bureau of Industry and Security of the Department of Commerce who are stationed in foreign regions.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE (for herself, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. MEEKS, and Mr. SHREVE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign 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 “Export Controls En-
5 forcement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The Bureau of Industry and Security of the
2 Department of Commerce (hereinafter the “Bu-
3 reau”) uses end-use checks to verify that controlled
4 items exported from the United States are used in
5 accordance with United States license requirements
6 and the Export Administration Regulations (parts
7 730–774 of title 15, Code of Federal Regulations)
8 and each other export control policy under the ad-
9 ministrative jurisdiction of the Bureau.

10 (2) The Bureau’s export control officers con-
11 duct end-use checks in foreign regions to ensure that
12 persons to a transaction comply with such require-
13 ments and regulations and do not divert controlled
14 items to unauthorized users.

15 (3) The Bureau’s export control officers are
16 also responsible for liaising with governments and
17 the private sector on the export controls policies
18 under the administrative jurisdiction of the Bureau.

19 (4) Inconclusive or failed end-use checks can
20 lead the Bureau to inaccurately added persons to
21 watch lists, deny export privileges, or take enforce-
22 ment or criminal action.

23 (5) In 2024, the Bureau processed over 45,000
24 license applications valued at over
25 \$500,000,000,000.

1 (6) In fiscal year 2024, the Bureau’s export
2 control officers conducted over 1,400 end-use checks
3 in 60 countries.

4 (7) As of 2025, the Bureau has only 11 export
5 control officers in foreign regions, with individual of-
6 ficers often covering multiple countries, and dozens
7 of countries where no officer is assigned to them.

8 (b) SENSES OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
9 gress that—

10 (1) end-use checks are critical for verifying the
11 persons to a transaction, assessing the risk of unau-
12 thorized use or diversion of controlled items, and de-
13 termining whether such items are being used accord-
14 ing to United States regulations and licenses; and

15 (2) the United States needs more export control
16 officers stationed in foreign regions to effectively
17 prevent and catch illegal diversion of United States
18 technologies and adequately enforce the export con-
19 trols policies under the administrative jurisdiction of
20 the Bureau.

21 **SEC. 3. EXPORT CONTROL OFFICER PROGRAM.**

22 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
24 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
25 of Commerce, acting through the Under Secretary

1 for Industry and Security, shall establish for a pe-
2 riod of 5 years an Export Control Officer Program
3 (hereinafter the “Program”) to station not less than
4 20 export control officers at United States diplo-
5 matic or consular posts.

6 (2) PROGRAM DIRECTOR.—

7 (A) APPOINTMENT.—Not later than 90
8 days after the date of the enactment of this
9 Act, the Secretary of Commerce shall appoint,
10 from among the full-time equivalent employees
11 of the Department of Commerce, a Director to
12 lead the Program.

13 (B) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Director
14 shall be responsible for overseeing the hiring of
15 the export control officers in the Program and
16 coordinating with the Secretary of State to
17 strategically station the officers in a manner
18 that ensures geographic coverage for every re-
19 gion of the world.

20 (b) DUTIES.—Each export control officer within the
21 Program shall fulfill, within the geographic region the offi-
22 cer is stationed, the following duties:

23 (1) Managing and conducting end-use checks
24 with persons involved in transactions of items sub-
25 ject to the export controls policies under the admin-

1 istrative jurisdiction of the Bureau, to improve the
2 scope and effectiveness of such checks.

3 (2) Informing and advising United States diplo-
4 matic or consular posts on the export controls poli-
5 cies under the administrative jurisdiction of the Bu-
6 reau.

7 (3) Performing industry outreach to enhance
8 compliance with the export controls policies under
9 the administrative jurisdiction of the Bureau.

10 (4) Liaising with foreign governments to en-
11 hance cooperation and coordination with the United
12 States with respect to the export control policies
13 under the administrative jurisdiction of the Bureau
14 and the enforcement practices of the Bureau.

15 (5) Sharing information with the Bureau's offi-
16 cials regarding the enforcement challenges, trends,
17 and priorities of the Bureau.

18 (6) Identifying the best targets with respect to
19 who the Bureau should conduct end-use checks on.

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