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To direct certain heads of Federal agencies to develop a strategy to improve Federal investigations of retail crime, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. KIM of California (for herself, Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. PANNETTA, and Ms. SALAZAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Improving Federal In-
5 vestigations of Organized Retail Crime Act of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. IMPROVING COORDINATION IN FEDERAL INVES-**
7 **TIGATIONS OF RETAIL CRIME.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General,

1 the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Postmaster Gen-
2 eral, and the heads of relevant Federal agencies shall col-
3 laborate to develop a strategy to identify how each agency
4 can coordinate to—

5 (1) improve information sharing on organized
6 retail crime networks between the Federal Bureau of
7 Investigation, U.S. Customs and Border Protection,
8 Homeland Security Investigations, the Secret Serv-
9 ice, the United States Postal Service, and other rel-
10 evant Federal agencies;

11 (2) assist State and local law enforcement in
12 compiling materials and evidence needed for pros-
13 ecution of organized retail crime; and

14 (3) increase cooperation and the sharing of in-
15 formation with the retail industry, State retail crime
16 task forces, and other retail crime task forces.

17 (b) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180
18 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Attor-
19 ney General, the Secretary of Homeland Security, Post-
20 master General, and the head of any other relevant agency
21 shall coordinate to submit a report to the relevant commit-
22 tees on the strategy developed pursuant to subsection (a).

23 (c) GAO REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the
24 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
25 shall publish a report on private sector and law enforce-

1 ment collaboration to deter and investigate organized re-
2 tail crimes.

3 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME.—The term “or-
5 ganized retail crime” means the coordinated unlaw-
6 ful acquisition of retail goods through theft, embez-
7 zlement, fraud, or other unlawful means for the pur-
8 pose of selling or distributing such unlawfully ob-
9 tained items in the stream of commerce.

10 (2) ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME NETWORK.—The
11 term “organized retail crime network” means a
12 criminal network engaged in organized retail crime.

13 (3) RELEVANT FEDERAL AGENCY.—The term
14 “relevant Federal agency” means any Federal agen-
15 cy determined by the Attorney General and Sec-
16 retary of Homeland Security to have a role in infor-
17 mation sharing and investigations with respect to or-
18 ganized crime.

19 (4) RELEVANT COMMITTEE.—The term “rel-
20 evant committee” means the House Committee on
21 the Judiciary, the House Committee on Homeland
22 Security, the House Committee on Oversight and
23 Reform, the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, and

1 the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental
2 Affairs Committee.

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