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To direct the President to submit a report to Congress explaining the President's funding requests for certain homeland security programs authorized by Public Law 108–458 which implemented the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi (for himself, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. HOYER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. HARMAN, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. DICKS, Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. CARNAHAN, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, and Mr. EMANUEL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “9/11 Commission Full
3 Funding Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) On November 27, 2002, Congress and the
7 President created the National Commission on Ter-
8 rorist Attacks Upon the United States (referred to
9 in this section as the “9/11 Commission”).

10 (2) Throughout 2003 and 2004, the bipartisan
11 9/11 Commission held 12 hearings, took testimony
12 from 160 witnesses, reviewed more than 2,500,000
13 pages of documents, and interviewed more than
14 1,200 individuals in 10 countries.

15 (3) In July of 2004, the 9/11 Commission
16 issued its final report along with recommendations
17 designed to prevent future terrorist attacks on the
18 United States.

19 (4) On December 8, 2004, Congress passed
20 Public Law 108–458 which authorizes funds nec-
21 essary to address key gaps in homeland security.

22 (5) On December 17, 2004, the President
23 signed Public Law 108–458 and promised to ensure
24 that the law enforcement and homeland security per-
25 sonnel of the United States have the resources nec-
26 essary to do their jobs.

1 (6) The budget request submitted by the Presi-
2 dent to Congress in February of 2005 fails to pro-
3 vide sufficient funding to ensure that the law en-
4 forcement and homeland security personnel of the
5 United States have the resources necessary to pro-
6 tect the United States from future terrorist attacks.

7 (7) The President should comply with Public
8 Law 108–458 and request the maximum amount of
9 funds authorized by the Act to fulfill the promise to
10 provide adequate resources to law enforcement per-
11 sonnel.

12 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON BUDGET REQUEST FOR PROGRAMS AU-**
13 **THORIZED BY PUBLIC LAW 108–458.**

14 (a) EXPLANATION OF HOMELAND SECURITY FUND-
15 ING SHORTFALL.—

16 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 30 days
17 after the date of the enactment of this section, the
18 President shall submit to Congress a report that ex-
19 plains each homeland security funding shortfall in-
20 cluded in the budget submitted to Congress for fiscal
21 year 2006 under section 1105(a) of title 31, United
22 States Code, including the rationale for requesting
23 less than the authorized level of funding for each
24 such funding shortfall.

1 (2) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than 15 days
2 after the President submits to Congress the budget
3 for a fiscal year under section 1105(a) of title 31,
4 United States Code, the President shall submit to
5 Congress a report that explains each homeland secu-
6 rity funding shortfall included in the budget for the
7 fiscal year, including the rationale for requesting less
8 than the authorized level of funding for each such
9 funding shortfall.

10 (b) DEFINITION OF HOMELAND SECURITY FUNDING
11 SHORTFALL.—In this section, the term “homeland secu-
12 rity funding shortfall” means a program authorized by
13 Public Law 108–458 for which the amount of authoriza-
14 tion of appropriation for a fiscal year—

15 (1) is specified under such Act, and the Presi-
16 dent does not request under such budget the max-
17 imum amount authorized by such Act for such fiscal
18 year; or

19 (2) is not specified under such Act, and the
20 President does not request under such budget an
21 amount sufficient to operate the program as re-
22 quired by such Act.

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