

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT**

**117-13**

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In title LI, add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. 5106. STUDY ON THE FINANCING OF DOMESTIC VIO-**  
2 **LENT EXTREMISTS AND TERRORISTS.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

4 (1) Christopher Wray, the Director of the Fed-  
5 eral Bureau of Investigation (FBI), has stated in  
6 congressional hearings that domestic terrorism is a  
7 “persistent and evolving threat”, as seen by the open  
8 investigations that the Bureau has in all 50 States.

9 (2) As illustrated through reporting of the Anti-  
10 Defamation League, domestic extremists are often  
11 self-funded through a diverse set of funding avenues,  
12 including membership dues, merchandise, event fees,  
13 fraud, sales of personal goods, and donations or  
14 crowdfunding from likeminded benefactors.

15 (3) Unlike foreign terrorist organizations, there  
16 is less known about how domestic extremists and  
17 terrorists fund their radicalization, recruitment,  
18 training, and operations.

1           (4) There is also a lack of information on the  
2 involvement of international groups in providing  
3 funding, propaganda, and tactics, techniques, and  
4 procedures (TTPs) to domestic extremists, a signifi-  
5 cant issue, in part, because it helps to determine  
6 which statutory tools are available to government  
7 authorities and which regulatory obligations are re-  
8 quired of financial institutions.

9           (5) Included in the known examples, currently,  
10 the Russian Imperial Movement (RIM) and three of  
11 its leaders have been designated by the U.S. Depart-  
12 ment of State as Specially Designated Global Ter-  
13 rorists (SDGTs). There was also a large bitcoin  
14 transfer from a French extremist to a number of do-  
15 mestic, extremist-owned wallets.

16           (6) Per reporting by the Washington Institute  
17 for Near East Policy, in addition to being the recipi-  
18 ent of extremist resources, the United States is now  
19 perceived as the world's leading exporter of white su-  
20 premacist ideology.

21           (7) More information on the funding of domes-  
22 tic terrorism and extremism is required to under-  
23 stand how financial data and analytical tools can be  
24 effectively used to confront this problem.

1           (8) Any assessment of the options for tracking  
2           domestic terrorist funding must also consider the  
3           implications for First Amendment rights.

4           (b) GAO STUDY ON THE FINANCING OF DOMESTIC  
5           VIOLENT EXTREMISTS AND TERRORISTS.—

6           (1) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the  
7           United States shall conduct a study on the financing  
8           of domestic violent extremists and terrorists, includ-  
9           ing foreign terrorist-inspired domestic extremists,  
10          which should consider—

11           (A) what is known about the primary  
12           mechanisms that domestic violent extremists  
13           and terrorists use to finance their activities, in-  
14           cluding the extent to which they rely on online  
15           social media, livestreaming sites, crowdfunding  
16           platforms, digital assets (including virtual cur-  
17           rencies), charities, and foreign sources to fi-  
18           nance their activities;

19           (B) what is known about any funding that  
20           domestic violent extremists and terrorists pro-  
21           vide to foreign entities for the purposes of co-  
22           ordination, support, or otherwise furthering  
23           their activities;

24           (C) any data that selected U.S. agencies  
25           collect related to the financing of domestic vio-

1           lent extremists and terrorists, and how such  
2           data is used;

3           (D) the extent to which U.S. agencies co-  
4           ordinate and share information among them-  
5           selves, with foreign partner agencies, and with  
6           the private sector to identify and exploit the  
7           sources of funding for domestic violent extrem-  
8           ists and terrorists;

9           (E) efforts of financial institutions to iden-  
10          tify and report on suspicious financial activity  
11          related to the financing of domestic violent ex-  
12          tremists and terrorists;

13          (F) any actions U.S. financial regulators  
14          have taken to address the risks to financial in-  
15          stitutions of the financing of domestic violent  
16          extremists and terrorists; and

17          (G) with respect to the considerations de-  
18          scribed under subparagraphs (A) through (F),  
19          any civil rights and civil liberties protections  
20          currently included in law and challenges associ-  
21          ated with any potential changes to the legal  
22          framework to address them.

23          (2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 18  
24          months after the date of enactment of this Act, the  
25          Comptroller General of the United States shall re-

1 port to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and  
2 Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on  
3 Financial Services of the House of Representatives  
4 the results of the study required under paragraph  
5 (1).

