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H. R. 9623

To amend the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 1998 to reauthorize the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program and modify the Program with respect to promising practices, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

Mr. HARDER of California (for himself and Mr. MORAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Ending Drug Traf-
5 ficking in Our Communities Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREAS PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 (a) REAUTHORIZATION.—Section 707(p) of the Of-
4 fice of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act
5 of 1998 (21 U.S.C. 1706(p)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (5), by striking “and”;

7 (2) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at
8 the end and inserting “; and”; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(7) \$400,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026
11 through 2031.”.

12 (b) MODIFICATION WITH RESPECT TO PROMISING
13 PRACTICES.—Section 707(q) of such Act (21 U.S.C.
14 1706(q)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

15 “(4) PROMISING PRACTICES.—Beginning in fis-
16 cal year 2026, and each fiscal year thereafter, the
17 Director shall do the following:

18 “(A) For each promising practice that the
19 Director identifies, review the promising prac-
20 tice to determine whether the promising prac-
21 tice has the potential to enhance the efficiency
22 and effectiveness of the activities performed by
23 means of a HIDTA, including the following:

24 “(i) The identification and investiga-
25 tion of any entity that is responsible for

1 trafficking an illegal drug that has resulted
2 in an overdose in a HIDTA.

3 “(ii) Information sharing and coordi-
4 nation for Federal, State, territorial, Trib-
5 al, and local responses to crimes that in-
6 volve an illegal drug and criminal use of a
7 firearm.

8 “(iii) The implementation and evalua-
9 tion of evidence-based substance use dis-
10 order prevention practices, programs, and
11 strategies.

12 “(B) For each promising practice that the
13 Director determines to have such potential, de-
14 velop the promising practice for use by each
15 HIDTA.

16 “(C) Promulgate each promising practice
17 developed under subparagraph (B) to each
18 HIDTA.”.

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