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Key Vote NO on the Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act of 2022, H.R. 350

On behalf of FreedomWorks' activist community, I urge you to contact your senators and ask them to vote NO on the Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act of 2022, <u>H.R. 350</u>, introduced by Rep. Schneider (D-IL).

In response to several horrific tragedies, President Biden and the Democrats have proposed legislation that creates a domestic terrorism office with the Departments of Homeland Security, Justice, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The mission of these offices is to investigate, monitor, and analyze threats and incidents of domestic terrorism. They are also required to provide reports to different congressional committees on the threats of white supremacists, neo-nazis, among other groups. In addition, the legislation requires all staff to undergo "annual anti-bias training." After 10 years of investigating domestic terrorism, the offices terminate.

Instead of trying to fix these problems, the Democrats' proposal would create redundant positions within the executive branch. If the premise of the bill is true, then there are no offices nor staff within the entire executive branch that cover domestic terrorism. And with the millions and millions of employees in the executive branch, and the vast amounts of legal authorities they have to investigate terrorism and threats to our national security, that premise is not true.

While the bill creates redundant positions within the executive branch, it also does nothing to solve the problem of domestic terrorism. The bill provides no new legal authorities. It only creates new offices and requires them to provide reports. Then it terminates! Even if you think domestic terrorism is as large a problem as the Democrats claim that it is, this bill does nothing to solve it.

That leaves us with the real reason the Democrats are bringing this bill up for a vote—to force Republicans to vote no to make it look like they don't care about the recent tragedies. In other words, Republicans are weak on crime, weak on terrorism, and are fine with domestic terrorists not being prosecuted, and that's why they will vote no. Those arguments are ridiculous, and even more so coming from politicians who have sponsored a bill that doesn't even attempt to solve the problem they think is such an important national security threat.

Your senators should vote no because it's a redundant bill, it does nothing to solve the problem, and Democrats have brought it up today to play politics with a series of horrific tragedies. That is disrespectful to the victims of those tragedies, as well as their families who are still grieving.

FreedomWorks will count the vote for H.R. 350 on our 2022 Congressional Scorecard and reserves the right to score any amendments, motions, or other related votes. The scorecard is used to determine eligibility for the FreedomFighter Award, which recognizes members of the House and Senate who consistently vote to support economic freedom and individual liberty.

Sincerely,

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