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 AMENDMENT NO. 1 Calendar No.       

Purpose: To establish a Federal Liaison on Homeland Security in each State, to provide coordination between the Department of Homeland Security and State and local first responders, and for other purposes.

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To establish the Department of National Homeland Security and the National Office for Combating Terrorism.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. CARPER)

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 1 ~~On page 89, strike lines 5 through 25 and insert the~~

2 following:

3 SEC. ~~89~~ STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COORDINA-  
 4 TION.

5 (a) HOMELAND SECURITY LIAISON OFFICERS.—

6 (1) CHIEF HOMELAND SECURITY LIAISON OFFI-  
 7 CER.—

1 (A) APPOINTMENT.—The Secretary of  
2 Homeland Security shall appoint a Chief Home-  
3 land Security Liaison Officer to coordinate the  
4 activities of the Homeland Security Liaison Of-  
5 ficers, designated under paragraph (2).

6 (B) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Chief Home-  
7 land Security Liaison Officer shall prepare an  
8 annual report, that contains—

9 (i) a description of the State and local  
10 priorities in each of the 50 States based on  
11 discovered needs of first responder organi-  
12 zations, including law enforcement agen-  
13 cies, fire and rescue agencies, medical pro-  
14 viders, emergency service providers, and  
15 relief agencies;

16 (ii) a needs assessment that identifies  
17 homeland security functions in which the  
18 Federal role is duplicative of the State or  
19 local role, and recommendations to de-  
20 crease or eliminate inefficiencies between  
21 the Federal Government and State and  
22 local entities;

23 (iii) recommendations to Congress re-  
24 garding the creation, expansion, or elimi-  
25 nation of any program to assist State and

1 local entities to carry out their respective  
2 functions under the Department of Home-  
3 land Security; and

4 (iv) proposals to increase the coordi-  
5 nation of Department of Homeland Secu-  
6 rity priorities within each State and be-  
7 tween the States.

8 (2) HOMELAND SECURITY LIAISON OFFICERS.—

9 (A) DESIGNATION.—The Secretary of  
10 Homeland Security shall designate in each  
11 State not less than 1 employee of the Depart-  
12 ment of Homeland Security to—

13 (i) serve as the Homeland Security  
14 Liaison Officer in that State; and

15 (ii) provide coordination between the  
16 Department of Homeland Security and  
17 State and local first responders,  
18 including—

19 (I) law enforcement agencies;

20 (II) fire and rescue agencies;

21 (III) medical providers;

22 (IV) emergency service providers;

23 and

24 (V) relief agencies.

1 (B) DUTIES.—Each Homeland Security  
2 Liaison Officer designated under subparagraph  
3 (A) shall—

4 (i) ensure coordination between the  
5 Department of Homeland Security and—

6 (I) State, local, and community-  
7 based law enforcement;

8 (II) fire and rescue agencies; and

9 (III) medical and emergency re-  
10 lief organizations;

11 (ii) identify State and local areas re-  
12 quiring additional information, training,  
13 resources, and security;

14 (iii) provide training, information, and  
15 education regarding homeland security for  
16 State and local entities;

17 (iv) identify homeland security func-  
18 tions in which the Federal role is duplica-  
19 tive of the State or local role, and rec-  
20 ommend ways to decrease or eliminate in-  
21 efficiencies;

22 (v) assist State and local entities in  
23 priority setting based on discovered needs  
24 of first responder organizations, including  
25 law enforcement agencies, fire and rescue

1 agencies, medical providers, emergency  
2 service providers, and relief agencies;

3 (vi) assist the Department of Home-  
4 land Security to identify and implement  
5 State and local homeland security objec-  
6 tives in an efficient and productive man-  
7 ner; and

8 (vii) serve as a liaison to the Depart-  
9 ment of Homeland Security in representing  
10 State and local priorities and concerns re-  
11 garding homeland security.

12 (b) FEDERAL INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON FIRST  
13 RESPONDERS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is established an  
15 Interagency Committee on First Responders, that  
16 shall—

17 (A) ensure coordination among the Federal  
18 agencies involved with—

19 (i) State, local, and community-based  
20 law enforcement;

21 (ii) fire and rescue operations; and

22 (iii) medical and emergency relief  
23 services;

1 (B) identify community-based law enforce-  
2 ment, fire and rescue, and medical and emer-  
3 gency relief services needs;

4 (C) recommend new or expanded grant  
5 programs to improve community-based law en-  
6 forcement, fire and rescue, and medical and  
7 emergency relief services;

8 (D) identify ways to streamline the process  
9 through which Federal agencies support com-  
10 munity-based law enforcement, fire and rescue,  
11 and medical and emergency relief services; and

12 (E) assist in priority setting based on dis-  
13 covered needs.

14 (2) MEMBERSHIP.—The Interagency Com-  
15 mittee on First Responders shall be composed of—

16 (A) the Chief Homeland Security Liaison  
17 Officer of the Department of Homeland Secu-  
18 rity;

19 (B) a representative of the Health Re-  
20 sources and Services Administration of the De-  
21 partment of Health and Human Services;

22 (C) a representative of the Centers for Dis-  
23 ease Control and Prevention of the Department  
24 of Health and Human Services;

1 (D) a representative of the Federal Emer-  
2 gency Management Agency of the Department  
3 of Homeland Security;

4 (E) a representative of the United States  
5 Coast Guard of the Department of Homeland  
6 Security;

7 (F) a representative of the Department of  
8 Defense;

9 (G) a representative of the Office of Do-  
10 mestic Preparedness of the Department of  
11 Homeland Security;

12 (H) a representative of the Immigration  
13 and Naturalization Service of the Department  
14 of Homeland Security;

15 (I) a representative of the Transportation  
16 Security Agency of the Department of Home-  
17 land Security;

18 (J) a representative of the Federal Bureau  
19 of Investigation of the Department of Justice;  
20 and

21 (K) representatives of any other Federal  
22 agency identified by the President as having a  
23 significant role in the purposes of the Inter-  
24 agency Committee on First Responders.

1           (3) ADMINISTRATION.—The Department of  
2     Homeland Security shall provide administrative sup-  
3     port to the Interagency Committee on First Re-  
4     sponders and the Advisory Council, which shall  
5     include—

- 6           (A) scheduling meetings;
- 7           (B) preparing agenda;
- 8           (C) maintaining minutes and records;
- 9           (D) producing reports; and
- 10          (E) reimbursing Advisory Council mem-  
11       bers.

12          (4) LEADERSHIP.—The members of the Inter-  
13       agency Committee on First Responders shall select  
14       annually a chairperson.

15          (5) MEETINGS.—The Interagency Committee  
16       on First Responders shall meet—

- 17           (A) at the call of the Chief Homeland Se-  
18       curity Liaison Officer of the Department of  
19       Homeland Security; or
- 20           (B) not less frequently than once every 3  
21       months.

22       (c) ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE FEDERAL INTER-  
23     AGENCY COMMITTEE ON FIRST RESPONDERS.—

24           (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established an  
25     Advisory Council for the Federal Interagency Com-



1        mittee on First Responders (in this section referred  
2        to as the “Advisory Council”).

3            (2) MEMBERSHIP.—

4            (A) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Council  
5        shall be composed of not more than 13 mem-  
6        bers, selected by the Interagency Committee on  
7        First Responders.

8            (B) REPRESENTATION.—The Interagency  
9        Committee on First Responders shall ensure  
10       that the membership of the Advisory Council  
11       represents—

- 12                    (i) the law enforcement community;  
13                    (ii) fire and rescue organizations;  
14                    (iii) medical and emergency relief  
15        services; and  
16                    (iv) both urban and rural commu-  
17        nities.

18            (3) CHAIRPERSON.—The Advisory Council shall  
19        select annually a chairperson from among its mem-  
20        bers.

21            (4) COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.—The mem-  
22        bers of the Advisory Council shall serve without  
23        compensation, but shall be eligible for reimburse-  
24        ment of necessary expenses connected with their  
25        service to the Advisory Council.

1           (5) MEETINGS.—The Advisory Council shall  
2       meet with the Interagency Committee on First Re-  
3       sponders not less frequently than once every 3  
4       months.