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Expressing the sense of the Senate on the imminent and pervasive threat of domestic terrorism, violent white supremacists, neo-Nazis, anti-government militias, and dangerous, fringe conspiracy theories to the democratic institutions and values of the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate on the imminent and pervasive threat of domestic terrorism, violent white supremacists, neo-Nazis, anti-government militias, and dangerous, fringe conspiracy theories to the democratic institutions and values of the United States.

Whereas, on January 6, 2021, a group of domestic terrorists, including violent white supremacists, neo-Nazis, anti-government militia members, and supporters of dangerous, fringe conspiracy theories seeking to commit violence, launched a planned, coordinated, and deadly terrorist attack on the United States Capitol with the intent to overturn the results of a free and fair democratic election and

to harm law enforcement officers, fellow citizens, and Members of Congress;

Whereas these domestic terrorists were directly responsible for the death of United States Capitol Police officer Brian D. Sicknick;

Whereas domestic terrorists, including violent white supremacists, neo-Nazis, anti-government militia members, and supporters of dangerous, fringe conspiracy theories, including QAnon, are an immediate and growing terrorist threat to the safety of the people of the United States and our democratic form of government as established by the Constitution of the United States;

Whereas foreign adversaries, including Russian government-supported organizations, have sought to amplify the spread of violent extremist ideology in the United States in an effort to destabilize the democratic institutions of the United States and sow discord amongst the people;

Whereas domestic terrorists and the spread of dangerous, fringe conspiracy theories like QAnon represent a unique insider threat to national security institutions and personnel, potentially compromising intelligence and security capabilities; and

Whereas, in September 2020, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Christopher Wray testified before Congress that individuals who adhere to white supremacist ideologies represent the majority of racially motivated violent extremists in the United States, who “over recent years have been responsible for the most lethal activity in the U.S.” and represent “a national threat priority”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

1 (1) the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
2 and the United States intelligence community should
3 immediately begin an interagency review of the do-
4 mestic terrorist threat posed by domestic terrorist
5 groups, including violent white supremacists, neo-
6 Nazis, anti-government militia members, and sup-
7 porters of dangerous, fringe conspiracy theories; and

8 (2) such interagency review shall include an ex-
9 amination of—

10 (A) the leadership, membership, and
11 growth of such groups within the United States;

12 (B) the use of social media and other
13 forms of communication to recruit new mem-
14 bers to such groups, organize and plan acts of
15 violence, and encourage others to engage in acts
16 of violence;

17 (C) the targeting and recruitment of cur-
18 rent and former members of the United States
19 military and law enforcement by such groups;

20 (D) the sources of financing and economic
21 activity used by such groups to organize or
22 commit criminal activity and violence;

23 (E) the coordination of such groups with
24 foreign actors, including foreign military and
25 intelligence services; and

