

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4820**  
**OFFERED BY MR. THOMPSON OF MISSISSIPPI**

In section 2, add at the end the following:

1           (c) BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION.—

2                   (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland  
3           Security, the Attorney General, and the Director of  
4           the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall take all  
5           actions to ensure that each former or estranged vio-  
6           lent extremist or their associates, including friends  
7           and family, who agrees to provide a public testi-  
8           monial receives a thorough background investigation,  
9           prior to incorporation of any such testimonial into  
10          the Department of Homeland Security efforts to  
11          combat terrorist recruitment and communications  
12          through public testimonials. A testimonial from a  
13          former or estranged violent extremist or their associ-  
14          ates, including friends and family, may not be made  
15          public until the Secretary, the Attorney General, and  
16          the Director unanimously certifies that each former  
17          or estranged violent extremist or their associates, in-  
18          cluding friends and family, has received a back-  
19          ground investigation that is sufficient to determine

1       whether such former or estranged violent extremist  
2       or their associates, including friends and family, is—

3               (A) not a threat to the security of the  
4               United States; and

5               (B) not involved any ongoing criminal in-  
6               vestigation or assessment.

7               (2) CERTIFICATION BY UNANIMOUS CONCUR-  
8       RENCE.—The testimony of a former or estranged  
9       violent extremist or an associate, including a friend  
10      and family member, may be incorporated into the  
11      Department of Homeland Security efforts to combat  
12      terrorist recruitment and communications only after  
13      the Secretary of Homeland Security, with the unani-  
14      mous concurrence of the Attorney General and the  
15      Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, cer-  
16      tifies to the Committee on Homeland Security of the  
17      House of Representatives and the Committee on  
18      Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs that  
19      the former or estranged violent extremist or asso-  
20      ciate, including friends and family members, is not  
21      a threat to the security of the United States and is  
22      not involved in any ongoing criminal investigation or  
23      assessment.

24              (3) INSPECTOR GENERAL REVIEW OF CERTIFI-  
25      CATIONS.—The Inspector General of the Depart-

1       ment of Homeland Security shall conduct a risk-  
2       based review of all certifications made under para-  
3       graph (2) each year and shall provide an annual re-  
4       port detailing the findings to the committees speci-  
5       fied in such paragraph.

6           (4) MONTHLY REPORT.—The Secretary of  
7       Homeland Security shall submit to the committees  
8       specified in paragraph (2) a monthly report on the  
9       total number of testimonials collected from former  
10      and estranged violent extremists or their associates,  
11      including friends and family, with regard to which a  
12      certification under such paragraph was made, and  
13      the number of former and estranged violent extrem-  
14      ists or their associates, including friends and family,  
15      with regard to whom such a certification was not  
16      made for the month preceding the date of each such  
17      report. Each such report shall include, for each  
18      former violent extremist or their associates, includ-  
19      ing friends and family, with regard to whom a cer-  
20      tification was not made, the concurrence or non-  
21      concurrence of each person whose concurrence was  
22      required such paragraph.

