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BACKGROUND. Conservative reaction erupted swiftly following the exposure of the secretive launch of the Biden Regime Homeland Security Disinformation Governance Board (DGB), a committee allegedly to protect the U.S. against Russian disinformation and other disinformation about illegal alien smugglers and public safety. Nina Jankowicz, who previously served as a disinformation fellow at the Wilson Center, heads the board as executive director. Jankowicz is a radical leftist who believes dissenting facts and opinions are a form of disinformation. Patriots understand that this board is actually a copy of the Ministry of Truth in the George Orwell chilling novel <u>1984</u>. In this book, a socialist-type dictatorial regime imposed a harsh environment of censorship and persecution against freedom-loving people and instituted mass invasions of privacy. Patriots in Congress are reacting with new legislation, fearing that the Biden Regime wants to silence its opposition before the midterm elections.

A BILL. Conservative Rep. Lauren Boebert (CO.), leading the charge, has introduced HR 7641, her Protecting Free Speech Act, to terminate the DGB. This bill would prohibit using federal funds to establish or operate activities of this



board or other entity substantially similar. Boebert stated, "The Department of Homeland Security should not be in the business of censoring free speech. Following in the steps of Mao and Stalin, Biden's unconstitutional, dystopian Department of Propaganda is trampling on the 1st Amendment and trying to control what people can and can't say. Instead of treating Orwell's book <u>1984</u> as a warning, the Left appears to be using it as an outline for their agenda. These efforts are un-American and a direct attack on our freedoms. We the People will not be silent." She warned that people do not fully understand the implication of what a Ministry of Truth promoted by DHS really means. She vowed that no tax dollars would allow the Biden Regime to use the authority of the federal government to silence true content like Big Tech snuffs on social media, comparing the board to a

dept. of propaganda.¹ Boebert continued that because Congress make appropriations, its duty is to stifle this board. She successfully appealed to the congressional Republican leadership to join her in defunding the board. Her bill would stop all DGB operations and now has 65 co-sponsors, including almost all of the House Republican leadership, including Whip Steve Scalise (LA), Conference Chairwoman Elise Stefanik (N.Y.), and Judiciary Committee ranking member Jim Jordan (OH). Boebert continues to speak against DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas and his DGB, comparing him to Mao and Stalin, while blasting him for ignoring the southern border crisis, so that we do not have 3 million illegal aliens invading our country. Boebert continues in Congress to promote her bill to defund and prohibit the board. HR 7641 currently is in the House Homeland Security Committee, awaiting a vote to advance it to the full House for debate.

ALLIES. President Trump considers the DGB a terrible monster, that it would censor conservatives.² Cong. Dan Bishop (N.C.) said that congressional Republicans should appear more aggressive about using government spending package negotiations to accomplish their policy goals, such as eliminating the disinformation board, and encouraged other Republicans to shut down the government if necessary. Republicans would support using the government annual spending bill as a way to delete funding for the disinformation board. To avoid a government shutdown, Democrats must allow this disinformation board to fall by the wayside, a senior House Republican aide told the <u>Washington Examiner</u>. Democrats will not want responsibility for shutting down the government over a controversial and politically unpopular disinformation board with the midterms approaching, because Republicans would have a field day attacking them relentlessly on this issue, the aide continued. Hold Board cheerleaders accountable, say critics. Republicans also show alarm about a February bulletin from the Dept. of Homeland Security saying the federal government plans to work with public and private sector partners, including liberal Big Tech companies, to reduce the proliferation of false or misleading narratives that supposedly sow discord or undermine public trust in U.S. government institutions.³ The conception of disinformation has become a controversial and polarizing matter in this instance. Liberals say disinformation, meaning false information spread deliberately and covertly, is a threat to democracy. Conservatives, though, increasingly say that the threat of disinformation is wrongly used as a cover to censor us.

SENATE COMPANION BILL. Senator Tom Cotton (Ark.) introduced **S. 4124** to bar use of federal funds to establish a DGB. "The Biden administration wants a government agency dedicated to cracking down on what its subjects can say, an

¹ Fox News, April 29, 2022.

² Caroline Vakil, The Hill, <u>Trump calls DHS disinformation board a terrible thing</u>, 5-4-22.

³ Washington Examiner, <u>Conservatives eye government shutdown to axe Biden DHS 'disinformation' board,</u> by Nihal Krishan, May 8, 2022.

idea popular with Orwellian governments everywhere. This board is unconstitutional and un-American-my bill puts a



stop to it," Cotton said. Unlike the DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis or Office of the Inspector General, the board will not issue routine reports justifying its actions, he complained. This bill is in the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, awaiting a vote to advance it to the full Senate for debate.

TAKE ACTION NOW. Congress must act now to abolish this censorship board and prevent a future president who does not believe in the Constitution from ever attempting

such a ruse again. The first meeting of the board occurred on May 6. DHS has yet to release a charter for the board, and there is still confusion about the parameters for it. Stop the Biden Regime from stealing our rights, trampling our Constitution, and silencing our 1st Amendment voices. Using the information above, lobby your congressional representative immediately to vote for HR 7641, our 2 senators to vote for S. 4124, then join our NTF *Congress Watch Project*.

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