

money from terrorism, sex trafficking, money laundering, and other illegal activities from being hidden in real estate transactions. The Committee expects FinCEN to continue to keep the Committee apprised of the Department's efforts to identify money laundering schemes through GTOs.

Trade-Based Money Laundering.—The United States has robust anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing regulations in place, yet transnational criminal organizations and terror organizations continue to fund their illicit operations. Rather than utilizing the formal financial system, many of these entities fund their organizations and operations through the use of trade transactions, known as trade-based money laundering [TBML]. TBML disguises proceeds of crime by moving value through trade transactions. It is very hard to identify and investigate, which is why the use of trade to launder money has become such an attractive option to criminal and terrorist organizations.

The Federal Government achieves an impressive level of success in identifying, investigating, and prosecuting money laundering offenses that occur through the formal financial system, yet TBML has been a challenge for U.S. agencies given the fluid nature of trade. Given that criminal and terrorist organizations use trade to finance their operations, it is necessary for the United States to understand the full breadth of risks posed by trade-based money laundering and other forms of illicit finance.

The Committee recommendation includes \$2,000,000 for FinCEN to contract with an external vendor that will thoroughly assess the risk that TBML and other forms of illicit finance pose to our national security.

E-mail Compromise Fraud.—The Committee is aware of e-mail fraud schemes in real estate in which the e-mail accounts of victims are compromised to send fraudulent wire transfer instructions to financial institutions in order to misappropriate funds. Since 2013, there have been reported cases of business e-mail compromise and e-mail account compromise involving more than \$3,000,000,000. FinCEN is directed to brief the Committee within 60 days of enactment of this act on its efforts to help financial institutions identify and prevent such e-mail fraud schemes.

TREASURY FORFEITURE FUND

(RESCISSION)

The Committee recommends a permanent rescission of \$60,000,000 of unobligated balances in the Treasury Forfeiture Fund.

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SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2019	\$338,280,000
Budget estimate, 2020	340,337,000
Committee recommendation	340,337,000