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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 12, 2019

Mr. ROY (for himself and Mr. GREEN of Tennessee) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Drug Cartel Terrorist
5 Designation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN DRUG CAR-**
2 **TELS AS FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZA-**
3 **TIONS.**

4 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
5 gress that—

6 (1) each of the drug cartels set forth in section
7 2(a)(2) meet the criteria for designation as a foreign
8 terrorist organization as set forth in section 219 of
9 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
10 1189); and

11 (2) the Secretary of State should designate each
12 of the following Mexican drug cartels as a foreign
13 terrorist organization under such section 219:

14 (A) The Reynosa/Los Metros faction of the
15 Gulf Cartel.

16 (B) The Jalisco New Generation Cartel.

17 (C) The Cartel Del Noreste faction of Los
18 Zetas.

19 (b) REPORT.—

20 (1) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 30
21 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
22 Secretary of State, in consultation with the Director
23 of National Intelligence, shall submit to the appro-
24 priate committees of Congress—

25 (A) a detailed report on whether each of
26 the drug cartels listed in section (2)(a)(2) meet

1 the criteria for designation as a foreign ter-
2 rorist organization as set forth in section 219
3 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
4 U.S.C. 1189); and

5 (B) if the Secretary determines that any of
6 the drug cartels do not meet the criteria set
7 forth under such section 219, a detailed jus-
8 tification as to which criteria have not been
9 met.

10 (2) FORM.—The report required by paragraph
11 (1) shall—

12 (A) be submitted in unclassified form, but
13 may include a classified annex; and

14 (B) be made available only in electronic
15 form and shall not be printed, except if a print-
16 ed copy is requested by an office of the legisla-
17 tive branch.

18 (3) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS
19 DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “appro-
20 priate committees of Congress” means—

21 (A) the Committee on Armed Services, the
22 Committee on Financial Services, the Com-
23 mittee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on
24 the Judiciary, the Committee on Homeland Se-
25 curity, and the Permanent Select Committee on

1 Intelligence of the House of Representatives;
2 and

3 (B) the Committee on Armed Services, the
4 Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban
5 Affairs, the Committee on Foreign Relations,
6 the Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee
7 on Homeland Security and Governmental Af-
8 fairs, and the Select Committee on Intelligence
9 of the Senate.

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