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To improve the collection of intelligence regarding activities by drug trafficking organizations in certain foreign countries.

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Mr. DAVIDSON (for himself, Mr. CLINE, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, and Mr. MOORE of Alabama) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Intelligence (Permanent Select), Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security, Oversight and Government Reform, Energy and Commerce, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To improve the collection of intelligence regarding activities by drug trafficking organizations in certain foreign countries.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Stop the Cartels Act”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—PRIORITIZING INTELLIGENCE GATHERING ON DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS

Sec. 101. Assessment of activities by drug trafficking organizations in covered foreign countries.

Sec. 102. Assessment of human trafficking and smuggling from covered foreign countries to the United States-Mexico border.

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1 **TITLE I—PRIORITIZING INTEL-** 2 **LIGENCE GATHERING ON** 3 **DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANI-** 4 **ZATIONS**

5 **SEC. 101. ASSESSMENT OF ACTIVITIES BY DRUG TRAF-** 6 **FICKING ORGANIZATIONS IN COVERED FOR-** 7 **EIGN COUNTRIES.**

8 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National In-

1 telligence, in coordination with the Chief of Intelligence
2 of the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Assist-
3 ant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research, shall
4 submit to the appropriate congressional committees a re-
5 port containing an analytical assessment of the activities
6 of drug trafficking organizations in covered foreign coun-
7 tries. Such assessment shall include, at a minimum—

8 (1) an assessment of the effect of drug traf-
9 ficking organizations on the security and economic
10 situation in covered foreign countries;

11 (2) an assessment of the effect of the activities
12 of drug trafficking organizations on the migration of
13 persons from covered foreign countries to the United
14 States-Mexico border;

15 (3) a summary of any relevant activities by ele-
16 ments of the intelligence community in relation to
17 drug trafficking organizations in covered foreign
18 countries and Mexico;

19 (4) a summary of key methods and routes used
20 by drug trafficking organizations in covered foreign
21 countries and Mexico to the United States;

22 (5) an assessment of the intersection between
23 the activities of drug trafficking organizations,
24 human traffickers and human smugglers, and other

1 organized criminal groups in covered foreign coun-
2 tries; and

3 (6) an assessment of the illicit funds and finan-
4 cial transactions that support the activities of drug
5 trafficking organizations and connected criminal en-
6 terprises in covered foreign countries.

7 (b) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
8 may be submitted in classified form, but if so submitted,
9 shall contain an unclassified summary.

10 (c) AVAILABILITY.—The report under subsection (a),
11 or the unclassified summary of the report described in
12 subsection (b), shall be made publicly available.

13 **SEC. 102. ASSESSMENT OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND**
14 **SMUGGLING FROM COVERED FOREIGN**
15 **COUNTRIES TO THE UNITED STATES-MEXICO**
16 **BORDER.**

17 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 60 days
18 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director
19 of National Intelligence, in coordination with the Under
20 Secretary of Homeland Security for Intelligence and Anal-
21 ysis and the Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence
22 and Research, shall submit to the appropriate congres-
23 sional committees a report containing an analytical assess-
24 ment of human trafficking and human smuggling by indi-

1 viduals and organizations in covered foreign countries.

2 Such assessment shall include, at a minimum—

3 (1) an assessment of the effect of human traf-
4 ficking and human smuggling on the security and
5 economic situation in covered foreign countries;

6 (2) a summary of any relevant activities by ele-
7 ments of the intelligence community in relation to
8 human trafficking and human smuggling in covered
9 foreign countries;

10 (3) an assessment of the methods and routes
11 used by human traffickers and human smuggler or-
12 ganizations to move persons from covered foreign
13 countries to the United States-Mexico border;

14 (4) an assessment of the intersection between
15 the activities of human traffickers and human smug-
16 glers, drug trafficking organizations, and other orga-
17 nized criminal groups in covered foreign countries;
18 and

19 (5) an assessment of the illicit funds and finan-
20 cial transactions that support the activities of
21 human traffickers and human smugglers and con-
22 nected criminal enterprises in covered foreign coun-
23 tries.

1 (b) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
2 may be submitted in classified form, but if so submitted,
3 shall contain an unclassified summary.

4 (c) AVAILABILITY.—The report under subsection (a),
5 or the unclassified summary of the report described in
6 subsection (b), shall be made publicly available.

7 **SEC. 103. PRIORITIZATION OF INTELLIGENCE RESOURCES**
8 **FOR COVERED FOREIGN COUNTRIES.**

9 (a) REVIEW OF INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY EF-
10 FORTS IN COVERED FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—The Director
11 of National Intelligence, in coordination with the Under
12 Secretary of Homeland Security for Intelligence and Anal-
13 ysis, the Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and
14 Research, the Chief of Intelligence of the Drug Enforce-
15 ment Administration, and other appropriate officials in
16 the intelligence community, shall carry out a comprehen-
17 sive review of the current intelligence collection priorities
18 of the intelligence community for covered foreign countries
19 in order to identify whether such priorities are appropriate
20 and sufficient in light of the threat posed by the activities
21 of drug trafficking organizations and human traffickers
22 and human smugglers to the security of the United States
23 and the Western Hemisphere.

24 (b) REPORTS.—

1 (1) REPORT ON INITIAL REVIEW.—Not later
2 than 120 days after the date of the enactment of
3 this Act, the Director of National Intelligence shall
4 submit to the congressional intelligence committees a
5 comprehensive description of the results of the re-
6 view required by subsection (a), including whether
7 the priorities described in that subsection are appro-
8 priate and sufficient in light of the threat posed by
9 the activities of drug trafficking organizations and
10 human traffickers and human smugglers to the secu-
11 rity of the United States and the Western Hemi-
12 sphere. If the report concludes that such priorities
13 are not so appropriate and sufficient, the report
14 shall also include a description of the actions to be
15 taken to modify such priorities in order to assure
16 that such priorities are so appropriate and sufficient.

17 (2) QUARTERLY REPORTS.—Not later than 90
18 days after the date on which the report under para-
19 graph (1) is submitted, and every 90 days thereafter
20 for a 5-year period, the Director of National Intel-
21 ligence shall submit to the congressional intelligence
22 committees a report on the intelligence community's
23 collection priorities and activities in covered foreign
24 countries with a focus on the threat posed by the ac-
25 tivities of drug trafficking organizations and human

1 traffickers and human smugglers to the security of
2 the United States and the Western Hemisphere. The
3 first report under this paragraph shall also include
4 a description of the amount of funds expended by
5 the intelligence community to the efforts described
6 in subsection (a) during each of fiscal years 2023
7 and 2024.

8 (c) FORM.—The reports required by subsection (b)
9 may be submitted in classified form, but if so submitted,
10 shall contain an unclassified summary.

11 **SEC. 104. RESOLVING INTELLIGENCE SHARING AND CO-**
12 **OPERATION AGREEMENTS.**

13 None of the amounts appropriated to the Department
14 of State to combat the threats of drug trafficking,
15 transnational organized crime, and money laundering or
16 appropriated to the United States Agency for Inter-
17 national Development may be made available to the Mexi-
18 can federal government or its subsidiaries until the Sec-
19 retary of State certifies to Congress that Mexico has re-
20 moved all barriers to bilateral cooperation created after
21 December 2020 that have hindered law enforcement co-
22 operation and intelligence-sharing between United States
23 and Mexican law enforcement agencies, including the im-
24 plementation of the Foreign Agents law and the limits

1 that have been placed on issuing visas to United States
2 law enforcement personnel.

3 **SEC. 105. REVIEW OF MEXICO AND UNITED STATES BILAT-**
4 **ERAL COOPERATION.**

5 (a) PLAN TO REESTABLISH BILATERAL SECURITY
6 MEETINGS.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the
7 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in consulta-
8 tion with the heads of other relevant Federal departments
9 and agencies, shall submit to the appropriate congres-
10 sional committees a plan and timeline to reestablish reg-
11 ular bilateral security meetings between appropriate high-
12 level and working-level officials of the Governments of the
13 United States and Mexico that serve as a forum to align
14 and reconcile priorities between the United States and
15 Mexico and to periodically assess progress for bilateral co-
16 operation. The plan shall include possible areas of co-
17 operation at the Federal, State, and local levels with
18 United States goals for assistance.

19 (b) COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW.—Not later than 90
20 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
21 retary of State and the Administrator of the United States
22 Agency for International Development, in consultation
23 with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and
24 agencies, shall submit a report to appropriate congres-
25 sional committees that—

(1) provides a review of programs, projects, and activities implemented as part of either the Merida Initiative or The Bicentennial Framework; and

(2) includes—

(A) evaluations, assessments, or other analyses, as appropriate;

(B) successes, challenges, and lessons learned in achieving program outcomes and United States policy goals;

(C) recommendations to change investment levels in specific projects; and

(D) to the extent practicable, an assessment of the effect, if any, of Mexico's Foreign Agents law on bilateral security cooperation with the Department of State, the United States Agency for International Development, and the Department of Justice.

**SEC. 106. DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN DRUG CARTELS AS
SPECIAL TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL ORGA-
NIZATION.**

(a) DESIGNATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized to designate an organization as a foreign Special Transnational Criminal Organization in accordance with this subsection if the Secretary finds that—

1 (A) the organization is a foreign organiza-
2 tion;

3 (B) the organization is a self-perpetuating
4 association of individuals who operate
5 transnationally for the purpose of obtaining
6 power, influence, monetary, or commercial
7 gains, wholly or in part by illegal means, while
8 protecting their activities through a pattern of
9 corruption or violence or through a
10 transnational organization structure and the ex-
11 ploitation of transnational commerce or commu-
12 nication mechanisms; and

13 (C) the organization threatens the security
14 of United States nationals or the national secu-
15 rity of the United States.

16 (2) PROCEDURE.—

17 (A) NOTICE.—

18 (i) TO CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS.—
19 Seven days before making a designation
20 under this subsection, the Secretary shall,
21 by classified communication, notify the
22 Speaker and minority leader of the House
23 of Representatives, the President pro tem-
24 pore, majority leader, and minority leader
25 of the Senate, and the members of the rel-

1 evant committees of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives and the Senate, in writing, of
3 the intent to designate an organization
4 under this subsection, together with the
5 findings made under paragraph (1) with
6 respect to that organization, and the fac-
7 tual basis therefor.

8 (ii) PUBLICATION IN FEDERAL REG-
9 ISTER.—The Secretary shall publish the
10 designation in the Federal Register seven
11 days after providing the notification under
12 clause (i).

13 (B) EFFECT OF DESIGNATION.—For pur-
14 poses of section 2339B of title 18, United
15 States Code—

16 (i) an organization designated as a
17 foreign Special Transnational Criminal Or-
18 ganization shall be treated as an organiza-
19 tion subject to such section for purposes of
20 such section; and

21 (ii) a designation under this sub-
22 section shall take effect for such purposes
23 upon publication under subparagraph
24 (A)(ii).

1 (C) FREEZING OF ASSETS.—Upon notifica-
2 tion under paragraph (2)(A)(i), the Secretary of
3 the Treasury may require United States finan-
4 cial institutions possessing or controlling any
5 assets of any foreign organization included in
6 the notification to block all financial trans-
7 actions involving those assets until further di-
8 rective from either the Secretary of the Treas-
9 ury, Act of Congress, or order of court.

10 (3) RECORD.—

11 (A) IN GENERAL.—In making a designa-
12 tion under this subsection, the Secretary shall
13 create an administrative record.

14 (B) CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.—The Sec-
15 retary may consider classified information in
16 making a designation under this subsection.
17 Classified information shall not be subject to
18 disclosure for such time as it remains classified,
19 except that such information may be disclosed
20 to a court ex parte and in camera for purposes
21 of judicial review under subsection (c).

22 (4) PERIOD OF DESIGNATION.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—A designation under
24 this subsection shall be effective until revoked

1 under paragraph (5) or (6) or set aside pursu-
2 ant to subsection (c).

3 (B) REVIEW OF DESIGNATION UPON PETI-
4 TION.—

5 (i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
6 review the designation of a foreign Special
7 Transnational Criminal Organization
8 under the procedures set forth in clauses
9 (iii) and (iv) if the designated organization
10 files a petition for revocation within the pe-
11 tition period described in clause (ii).

12 (ii) PETITION PERIOD.—For purposes
13 of clause (i)—

14 (I) if the designated organization
15 has not previously filed a petition for
16 revocation under this subparagraph,
17 the petition period begins 2 years
18 after the date on which the designa-
19 tion was made; or

20 (II) if the designated organiza-
21 tion has previously filed a petition for
22 revocation under this subparagraph,
23 the petition period begins 2 years
24 after the date of the determination

1 made under clause (iv) on that peti-
2 tion.

3 (iii) PROCEDURES.—Any foreign Spe-
4 cial Transnational Criminal Organization
5 that submits a petition for revocation
6 under this subparagraph must provide evi-
7 dence in that petition that the relevant cir-
8 cumstances described in paragraph (1) are
9 sufficiently different from the cir-
10 cumstances that were the basis for the des-
11 ignation such that a revocation with re-
12 spect to the organization is warranted.

13 (iv) DETERMINATION.—

14 (I) IN GENERAL.—Not later than
15 180 days after receiving a petition for
16 revocation submitted under this sub-
17 paragraph, the Secretary shall make a
18 determination as to such revocation.

19 (II) CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.—The Secretary may consider
20 classified information in making a de-
21 termination in response to a petition
22 for revocation. Classified information
23 shall not be subject to disclosure for
24 such time as it remains classified, ex-
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cept that such information may be disclosed to a court ex parte and in camera for purposes of judicial review under subsection (c).

(III) PUBLICATION OF DETERMINATION.—A determination made by the Secretary under this clause shall be published in the Federal Register.

(IV) PROCEDURES.—Any revocation by the Secretary shall be made in accordance with paragraph (6).

(C) OTHER REVIEW OF DESIGNATION.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary determines that a 5-year period has elapsed since the designation without a review having taken place under subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall review the designation of the foreign Special Transnational Criminal Organization in order to determine whether such designation should be revoked pursuant to paragraph (6).

(ii) PROCEDURES.—If a review does not take place pursuant to subparagraph (B) in response to a petition for revocation that is filed in accordance with that sub-

1 paragraph, then the review shall be con-
2 ducted pursuant to procedures established
3 by the Secretary. The results of such re-
4 view and the applicable procedures shall
5 not be reviewable in any court.

6 (iii) PUBLICATION OF RESULTS OF
7 REVIEW.—The Secretary shall publish any
8 determination made pursuant to this sub-
9 paragraph in the Federal Register.

10 (5) REVOCATION BY ACT OF CONGRESS.—The
11 Congress, by an Act of Congress, may block or re-
12 voke a designation made under paragraph (1).

13 (6) REVOCATION BASED ON CHANGE IN CIR-
14 CUMSTANCES.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may re-
16 voke a designation made under paragraph (1)
17 at any time, and shall revoke a designation
18 upon completion of a review conducted pursu-
19 ant to subparagraphs (B) and (C) of paragraph
20 (4) if the Secretary finds that—

21 (i) the circumstances that were the
22 basis for the designation have changed in
23 such a manner as to warrant revocation; or
24 (ii) the national security of the United
25 States warrants a revocation.

1 (B) PROCEDURE.—The procedural require-
2 ments of paragraphs (2) and (3) shall apply to
3 a revocation under this paragraph. Any revoca-
4 tion shall take effect on the date specified in
5 the revocation or upon publication in the Fed-
6 eral Register if no effective date is specified.

7 (7) EFFECT OF REVOCATION.—The revocation
8 of a designation under paragraph (5) or (6) shall
9 not affect any action or proceeding based on conduct
10 occurring prior to the effective date of such revoca-
11 tion.

12 (8) USE OF DESIGNATION IN TRIAL OR HEAR-
13 ING.—If a designation under this subsection has be-
14 come effective under paragraph (2)(B) a defendant
15 in a criminal action or an alien in a removal pro-
16 ceeding shall not be permitted to raise any question
17 concerning the validity of the issuance of such des-
18 ignation as a defense or an objection at any trial or
19 hearing.

20 (b) AMENDMENTS TO A DESIGNATION.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may amend a
22 designation under this subsection if the Secretary
23 finds that the organization has changed its name,
24 adopted a new alias, dissolved and then reconsti-

1 tuted itself under a different name or names, or
2 merged with another organization.

3 (2) PROCEDURE.—Amendments made to a des-
4 ignation in accordance with paragraph (1) shall be
5 effective upon publication in the Federal Register.
6 Subparagraphs (B) and (C) of subsection (a)(2)
7 shall apply to an amended designation upon such
8 publication. Paragraphs (2)(A)(i), (4), (5), (6), (7),
9 and (8) of subsection (a) shall also apply to an
10 amended designation.

11 (3) ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD.—The adminis-
12 trative record shall be corrected to include the
13 amendments as well as any additional relevant infor-
14 mation that supports those amendments.

15 (4) CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.—The Secretary
16 may consider classified information in amending a
17 designation in accordance with this subsection. Clas-
18 sified information shall not be subject to disclosure
19 for such time as it remains classified, except that
20 such information may be disclosed to a court ex
21 parte and in camera for purposes of judicial review
22 under subsection (c).

23 (c) JUDICIAL REVIEW OF DESIGNATION.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after
25 publication in the Federal Register of a designation,

1 an amended designation, or a determination in re-
2 sponse to a petition for revocation, the designated
3 organization may seek judicial review in the United
4 States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia
5 Circuit.

6 (2) BASIS OF REVIEW.—Review under this sub-
7 section shall be based solely upon the administrative
8 record, except that the Government may submit, for
9 ex parte and in camera review, classified information
10 used in making the designation, amended designa-
11 tion, or determination in response to a petition for
12 revocation.

13 (3) SCOPE OF REVIEW.—The Court shall hold
14 unlawful and set aside a designation, amended des-
15 ignation, or determination in response to a petition
16 for revocation the court finds to be—

17 (A) arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of dis-
18 cretion, or otherwise not in accordance with
19 law;

20 (B) contrary to constitutional right, power,
21 privilege, or immunity;

22 (C) in excess of statutory jurisdiction, au-
23 thority, or limitation, or short of statutory
24 right;

(D) lacking substantial support in the administrative record taken as a whole or in classified information submitted to the court under paragraph (2); or

(E) not in accord with the procedures required by law.

(4) JUDICIAL REVIEW INVOKED.—The pendency of an action for judicial review of a designation, amended designation, or determination in response to a petition for revocation shall not affect the application of this section, unless the court issues a final order setting aside the designation, amended designation, or determination in response to a petition for revocation.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section—

(1) the term “classified information” has the meaning given that term in section 1(a) of the Classified Information Procedures Act (18 U.S.C. App.);

(2) the term “national security” means the national defense, foreign relations, or economic interests of the United States;

(3) the term “foreign organization” includes a group of persons or an organization whose leadership is primarily based in a country outside of the United States;

1 (4) the term “relevant committees” means the
2 Committees on the Judiciary, Intelligence, and For-
3 eign Relations of the Senate and the Committees on
4 the Judiciary, Intelligence, and International Rela-
5 tions of the House of Representatives; and

6 (5) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary
7 of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the
8 Treasury and the Attorney General.

9 (e) DESIGNATION.—The Secretary shall designate
10 the following organizations as Special Transnational
11 Criminal Organizations:

- 12 (1) Sinaloa Cartel.
- 13 (2) Jalisco New Generation Cartel.
- 14 (3) Beltran-Leyva Organization.
- 15 (4) Cartel del Noreste and Los Zetas.
- 16 (5) Guerreros Unidos.
- 17 (6) Gulf Cartel.
- 18 (7) Juarez Cartel and La Linea.
- 19 (8) La Familia Michoacana.
- 20 (9) Los Rojos.

21 **SEC. 107. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECU-**
22 **RITY REPORTS ON MIGRANTS.**

23 Not later than the fifteenth day of the second full
24 month after the date of the enactment of this Act and
25 not later than the fifteenth day of each month thereafter,

1 the Secretary of Homeland Security, acting through the
2 Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection
3 (CBP), shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security
4 of the House of Representatives and the Committee
5 on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the
6 Senate a report relating to migrants. Each such report
7 shall cover the period of the immediately preceding month,
8 and include information relating to the following:

9 (1) The total number of U.S. Border Patrol apprehensions.
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11 (2) The total number of inadmissible aliens encountered by the Office of Field Operations (OFO)
12 of CBP.
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14 (3) The total number of migrants (including apprehensions and inadmissibles under paragraphs (1)
15 and (2), respectively) voluntarily returned to Mexico.
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17 (4) The total number of migrants placed into expedited removal pursuant to section 235(b)(1) of
18 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1225(b)(1)).
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21 (5) The total number of migrants placed into expedited removal who claimed credible fear pursuant
22 to section 235(b)(1)(A)(ii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1225(b)(1)(A)(ii)).
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1 (6) The total number of migrants placed into
2 expedited removal who claimed credible fear pursu-
3 ant to such section who received a positive deter-
4 mination relating thereto.

5 (7) The total number of migrants who were de-
6 tained by CBP.

7 (8) The total number of migrants whose deten-
8 tion was transferred by CBP to U.S. Immigration
9 and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

10 (9) The total number of migrants paroled into
11 the United States pursuant to section 212(d)(5)(A)
12 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
13 1182(d)(5)(A)).

14 (10) The total number of migrants released on
15 bond into the United States pursuant to section
16 236(a)(2)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality
17 Act (8 U.S.C. 1226(a)(2)(A)).

18 (11) The total number of migrants released on
19 their own recognizance into the United States pursu-
20 ant to section 236(a)(2)(B) of the Immigration and
21 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1226(a)(2)(B)) or any
22 other provision of such Act.

23 (12) The total number of migrants released on
24 conditional parole into the United States pursuant

1 to section 236(a)(2)(B) of the Immigration and Na-
2 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1226(a)(2)(B)).

3 (13) The total number of migrants released on
4 any other ground, including specifications of which
5 such grounds, into the United States.

6 (14) The total number of migrants issued a No-
7 tice to Appear.

8 (15) The total number of migrants issued a No-
9 tice to Report.

10 (16) The total number of migrants released into
11 the United States to appear at an ICE Field Office.

12 (17) The total number of migrants released into
13 the United States to appear at an ICE Field Office
14 who failed to appear.

15 (18) The total number of migrants released into
16 the United States to check-in at an ICE Field Of-
17 fice, whose appearance was waived.

18 (19) The total number of migrants issued a No-
19 tice to Appear who failed to appear at an Initial
20 Master Calendar hearing.

21 (20) The total number of migrants issued a No-
22 tice to Appear who failed to appear at an initial
23 Master Calendar hearing who were ordered removed
24 from the United States.

1 **SEC. 108. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this title:

3 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
4 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
5 mittees” means—

6 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
7 Committee on Homeland Security, and the Per-
8 manent Select Committee on Intelligence of the
9 House of Representatives; and

10 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations,
11 the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
12 ernmental Affairs, and the Select Committee on
13 Intelligence of the Senate.

14 (2) CONGRESSIONAL INTELLIGENCE COMMIT-
15 TEES.—The term “congressional intelligence com-
16 mittees” means the Permanent Select Committee on
17 Intelligence of the House of Representatives and the
18 Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate.

19 (3) COVERED FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—The term
20 “covered foreign countries” means Mexico, Guate-
21 mala, Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Costa
22 Rica, Panama, Belize, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil,
23 Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru,
24 Suriname, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

25 (4) HUMAN TRAFFICKING.—The term “human
26 trafficking” has the meaning given the term “severe

1 forms of trafficking in persons” by section 103 of
2 the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection
3 Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7102).

4 (5) INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.—The term
5 “intelligence community” has the meaning given
6 that term in section 3 of the National Security Act
7 of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003).

8 **TITLE II—ELIMINATING FUND-**
9 **ING FOR CARTEL SAFE HAR-**
10 **BOR JURISDICTIONS**

11 **SEC. 201. INELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL GRANTS OF CER-**
12 **TAIN JURISDICTIONS THAT VIOLATE THE IM-**
13 **MIGRATION LAWS.**

14 (a) INELIGIBLE JURISDICTIONS.—A State or unit of
15 local government is an ineligible jurisdiction for purposes
16 of this section if that State or unit of local government—

17 (1) violates section 642 of the Illegal Immigra-
18 tion Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of
19 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1373);

20 (2) otherwise restricts compliance with a de-
21 tainer issued by the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
22 rity; or

23 (3) has any law or policy in effect that violates
24 the immigration laws.

1 (b) ANNUAL DETERMINATION OF INELIGIBLE JURIS-
 2 DICTIONS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the
 3 enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Sec-
 4 retary of Homeland Security shall make a determination
 5 as to whether each State or unit of local government is
 6 an ineligible jurisdiction under subsection (a) and submit
 7 such determinations to Congress.

8 (c) PROHIBITION ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSIST-
 9 ANCE.—A State or unit of local government that is deter-
 10 mined to be an ineligible jurisdiction may not receive any
 11 Federal financial assistance (as such term is defined in
 12 section 7501(a)(5) of title 31, United States Code) for the
 13 fiscal year following any fiscal year in which the Secretary
 14 of Homeland Security determines that the State or unit
 15 of local government is an ineligible jurisdiction under sub-
 16 section (b).

17 **TITLE III—TARGETING CARTEL** 18 **HUMAN TRAFFICKING AT THE** 19 **BORDER**

20 **SEC. 301. ENDING FAMILY SEPARATION AND PROTECTION** 21 **OF MINORS.**

22 (a) PROMOTING FAMILY UNITY.—Section 235 of the
 23 William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reau-
 24 thorization Act of 2008 (8 U.S.C. 1232) is amended by
 25 adding at the end the following:

1 “(j) PROMOTING FAMILY UNITY.—

2 “(1) DETENTION OF ALIEN MINORS.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
4 other provision of law, judicial determination,
5 consent decree, or settlement agreement, the
6 Secretary of Homeland Security may detain any
7 alien minor (other than an unaccompanied alien
8 child) who is inadmissible to the United States
9 under section 212(a) of the Immigration and
10 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)) or remov-
11 able from the United States under section
12 237(a) of that Act (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)) pending
13 the completion of removal proceedings, regard-
14 less of whether the alien minor was previously
15 an unaccompanied alien child.

16 “(B) PRIORITY REMOVAL CASES.—The At-
17 torney General shall—

18 “(i) prioritize the removal proceedings
19 of an alien minor, or a family unit that in-
20 cludes an alien minor, detained under sub-
21 paragraph (A); and

22 “(ii) set a case completion goal of not
23 more than 100 days for such proceedings.

1 “(C) DETENTION AND RELEASE DECISIONS.—The decision to detain or release an
2 alien minor described in subparagraph (A)—

3 “(i) shall be governed solely by sec-
4 tions 212(d)(5), 217, 235, 236, and 241 of
5 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
6 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5), 1187, 1225, 1226, and
7 1231) and implementing regulations or
8 policies; and

9 “(ii) shall not be governed by stand-
10 ards, requirements, restrictions, or proce-
11 dures contained in a judicial decree or set-
12 tlement relating to the authority to detain
13 or release alien minors.

14 “(2) CONDITIONS OF DETENTION.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
16 other provision of law, judicial determination,
17 consent decree, or settlement agreement, the
18 Secretary of Homeland Security shall deter-
19 mine, in the sole discretion of the Secretary, the
20 conditions of detention applicable to an alien
21 minor described in paragraph (1)(A) regardless
22 of whether the alien minor was previously an
23 unaccompanied alien child.
24

1 “(B) NO JUDICIAL REVIEW.—A determina-
2 tion under subparagraph (A) shall not be sub-
3 ject to judicial review.

4 “(3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
5 this section—

6 “(A) affects the eligibility for bond or pa-
7 role of an alien; or

8 “(B) limits the authority of a court to hear
9 a claim arising under the Constitution of the
10 United States.

11 “(4) PREEMPTION OF STATE LICENSING RE-
12 QUIREMENTS.—Notwithstanding any other provision
13 of law, judicial determination, consent decree, or set-
14 tlement agreement, a State may not require an im-
15 migration detention facility used to detain families
16 consisting of one or more children who have not at-
17 tained 18 years of age and the parents or legal
18 guardians of such children, that is located in the
19 State, to be licensed by the State or any political
20 subdivision thereof.

21 “(5) CONDITIONS OF CUSTODY.—The Secretary
22 of Homeland Security shall ensure that each—

23 “(A) family residential facility is secure
24 and safe; and

1 “(B) alien child and accompanying parent
 2 at a family residential facility has—

3 “(i) suitable living accommodations;

4 “(ii) access to drinking water and
 5 food;

6 “(iii) timely access to medical assist-
 7 ance, including mental health assistance;
 8 and

9 “(iv) access to any other service nec-
 10 essary for the adequate care of a minor
 11 child.

12 “(6) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

13 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
 14 as may be necessary to carry out this subsection.

15 “(k) APPLICABILITY OF CONSENT DECREES, SET-
 16 TLEMENTS, AND JUDICIAL DETERMINATIONS.—

17 “(1) FLORES SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT INAP-
 18 PPLICABLE.—Any conduct or activity that was, before
 19 the date of the enactment of this subsection, subject
 20 to any restriction or obligation imposed by the stipu-
 21 lated settlement agreement filed on January 17,
 22 1997, in the United States District Court for the
 23 Central District of California in Flores v. Reno, CV
 24 85–4544–RJK, (commonly known as the ‘Flores set-
 25 tlement agreement’), or imposed by any amendment

1 of that agreement or judicial determination based on
 2 that agreement—

3 “(A) shall be subject to the restrictions
 4 and obligations in subsection (j) or imposed by
 5 the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims
 6 Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 (Public
 7 Law 110–457); and

8 “(B) shall not be subject to the restrictions
 9 and the obligations imposed by such settlement
 10 agreement or judicial determination.

11 “(2) OTHER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS OR
 12 CONSENT DECREES.—In any civil action with respect
 13 to the conditions of detention of alien children, the
 14 court shall not enter or approve a settlement agree-
 15 ment or consent decree unless it complies with the
 16 limitations set forth in subsection (j).”.

17 **SEC. 302. STOPPING ASYLUM FRAUD.**

18 (a) STANDARDS TO DETER FRAUD AND ADVANCE
 19 MERITORIOUS ASYLUM CLAIMS.—Section 235(b)(1)(B) of
 20 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
 21 1225(b)(1)(B)) is amended—

22 (1) by amending clause (v) to read as follows:

23 “(v) CREDIBLE FEAR OF PERSECU-
 24 TION.—

1 “(I) IN GENERAL.—For purposes
2 of this subparagraph, the term ‘cred-
3 ible fear of persecution’ means that it
4 is more likely than not that the alien
5 would be able to establish eligibility
6 for asylum under section 208—

7 “(aa) taking into account
8 such facts as are known to the
9 officer; and

10 “(bb) only if the officer has
11 determined, under subsection
12 (b)(1)(B)(iii) of such section,
13 that it is more likely than not
14 that the statements made by the
15 alien or on behalf of the alien are
16 true.

17 “(II) BARS TO ASYLUM.—An
18 alien shall not be determined to have
19 a credible fear of persecution if the
20 alien is prohibited from applying for
21 or receiving asylum, including an alien
22 subject to a limitation or condition
23 under subsection (a)(2) or (b)(2) (in-
24 cluding a regulation promulgated

1 under such subsection) of section
2 208.”; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(vi) ELIGIBILITY FOR RELIEF.—

5 “(I) CREDIBLE FEAR REVIEW BY
6 IMMIGRATION JUDGE.—An alien de-
7 termined to have a credible fear of
8 persecution shall be referred to an im-
9 migration judge for review of such de-
10 termination, which shall be limited to
11 a determination whether the alien—

12 “(aa) is eligible for asylum
13 under section 208, withholding of
14 removal under section 241(b)(3),
15 or protection under the Conven-
16 tion Against Torture and Other
17 Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading
18 Treatment or Punishment, done
19 at New York, December 10, 1984
20 (referred to in this clause as the
21 ‘Convention Against Torture’);
22 and

23 “(bb) merits a grant of asy-
24 lum in the exercise of discretion.

1 “(II) ALIENS WITH REASONABLE
2 FEAR OF PERSECUTION.—

3 “(aa) IN GENERAL.—Except
4 as provided in item (bb), if an
5 alien referred under subpara-
6 graph (A)(ii) is determined to
7 have a reasonable fear of perse-
8 cution or torture, the alien shall
9 be eligible only for consideration
10 of an application for withholding
11 of removal under section
12 241(b)(3) or protection under the
13 Convention Against Torture.

14 “(bb) EXCEPTION.—An
15 alien shall not be eligible for con-
16 sideration of an application for
17 relief under item (aa) if the fail-
18 ure of the alien to establish a
19 credible fear of persecution pre-
20 cludes the alien from eligibility
21 for such relief.

22 “(cc) LIMITATION.—An
23 alien whose application for relief
24 is adjudicated under item (aa)
25 shall not be eligible for any other

1 form of relief or protection from
2 removal.

3 “(vii) INELIGIBILITY FOR REMOVAL
4 PROCEEDINGS.—An alien referred under
5 subparagraph (A)(ii) shall not be eligible
6 for a hearing under section 240.”.

7 (b) AUTHORITY FOR CERTAIN ALIENS TO APPLY
8 FOR ASYLUM.—Section 208(a)(2) of the Immigration and
9 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1158(a)(2)) is amended by add-
10 ing at the end the following:

11 “(F) INELIGIBILITY FOR ASYLUM.—

12 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding
13 any other provision of law, including para-
14 graph (1), except as provided in clause (ii),
15 an alien is ineligible for asylum if the
16 alien—

17 “(I) has been convicted of a fel-
18 ony;

19 “(II) is inadmissible under sec-
20 tion 212(a) (except paragraphs (4),
21 (5), and (7));

22 “(III) has been previously re-
23 moved from the United States; or

24 “(IV) is a national or habitual
25 resident of—

1 “(aa) a country in Central
 2 America that has a refugee appli-
 3 cation and processing center; or

4 “(bb) a country contiguous
 5 to such a country (other than
 6 Mexico).

7 “(ii) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding
 8 clause (i), paragraph (1) shall not apply to
 9 any alien who is present in the United
 10 States on the date of the enactment of this
 11 subparagraph.”.

12 **SEC. 303. HIRING AUTHORITY.**

13 (a) IMMIGRATION JUDGES.—The Attorney General
 14 shall increase—

15 (1) the number of immigration judges by not
 16 fewer than an additional 500 judges, as compared to
 17 the number of immigration judges as of the date of
 18 the enactment of this Act; and

19 (2) the corresponding number of support staff,
 20 as necessary.

21 (b) IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT AT-
 22 TORNEYS.—The Director of U.S. Immigration and Cus-
 23 toms Enforcement shall increase the number of attorneys
 24 and staff employed by U.S. Immigration and Customs En-
 25 forcement by the number that is consistent with the work-

1 load staffing model to support the increase in immigration
2 judges.

3 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
5 necessary for—

6 (1) the hiring of immigration judges, support
7 staff, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforce-
8 ment attorneys under this section; and

9 (2) the lease, purchase, or construction of facili-
10 ties or equipment (including video teleconferencing
11 equipment and equipment for electronic filing of im-
12 migration cases), and the transfer of federally owned
13 temporary housing units to serve as facilities, for—

14 (A) the increased number of immigration
15 judges, attorneys, and support staff under this
16 section; and

17 (B) conducting immigration court pro-
18 ceedings in close proximity to the locations at
19 which aliens are apprehended and detained.

20 **SEC. 304. REFUGEE APPLICATION AND PROCESSING CEN-**
21 **TERS.**

22 (a) DEFINITION.—Section 101(a) of the Immigration
23 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)) is amended by
24 adding at the end the following:

1 “(53) The term ‘refugee application and proc-
2 essing center’—

3 “(A) means a facility designated under sec-
4 tion 207(g) by the Secretary of State to accept
5 and process applications for refugee admissions
6 to the United States; and

7 “(B) may include a United States em-
8 bassy, consulate, or other diplomatic facility.”.

9 (b) DESIGNATION.—Section 207 of the Immigration
10 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1157) is amended by add-
11 ing at the end the following:

12 “(g) REFUGEE APPLICATION AND PROCESSING CEN-
13 TERS.—

14 “(1) DESIGNATION.—Not later than 240 days
15 after the date of the enactment of this subsection,
16 the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Sec-
17 retary of Homeland Security, shall designate refugee
18 application and processing centers outside the
19 United States.

20 “(2) LOCATIONS.—The Secretary of State shall
21 establish—

22 “(A) 1 refugee application and processing
23 center in Mexico; and

24 “(B) not fewer than 3 refugee application
25 and processing centers in Central America at

1 locations selected by the Secretary of State, in
2 consultation with the Secretary of Homeland
3 Security.

4 “(3) DUTIES OF SECRETARY OF STATE.—The
5 Secretary of State, in coordination with the Sec-
6 retary of Homeland Security, shall ensure that any
7 alien who is a national or habitual resident of a
8 country in which a refugee application and proc-
9 essing center is located, or a country contiguous to
10 such a country, may apply for refugee status at a
11 refugee application and processing center in that
12 country.

13 “(4) ADJUDICATION BY ASYLUM OFFICERS.—
14 An application for refugee status submitted to a ref-
15 ugee application and processing center shall be adju-
16 dicated by a asylum officer.

17 “(5) PRIORITY.—The Secretary of State shall
18 ensure that refugee application and processing cen-
19 ters accord priority to applications submitted—

20 “(A) by aliens who have been referred by
21 an authorized nongovernmental organization, as
22 determined by the Secretary of State;

23 “(B) not later than 90 days after the date
24 on which such referral is made; and

1 “(C) in accordance with the requirements
2 and procedures established by the Secretary of
3 State under this subsection.

4 “(6) NUMBER OF REFERRALS AND GRANTS OF
5 ADMISSION FOR REFUGEES.—The admission to the
6 United States of refugees under this subsection shall
7 be subject to the limitations, including the numerical
8 limitations, under this section.

9 “(7) APPLICATION FEES.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of
11 State and the Secretary of Homeland Security
12 shall charge, collect, and account for fees pre-
13 scribed by each such Secretary pursuant to sub-
14 sections (m) and (n) of section 286 and section
15 9701 of title 31, United States Code, for the
16 purpose of receiving, docketing, processing, and
17 adjudicating an application under this sub-
18 section.

19 “(B) BASIS FOR FEES.—The fees pre-
20 scribed under subparagraph (A) shall be based
21 on a consideration of the amount necessary to
22 deter frivolous applications and the cost for
23 processing the application, including the imple-
24 mentation of program integrity and anti-fraud
25 measures.”.

1 (c) SUNSET.—The amendments made by this section
2 shall cease to be effective beginning on the date that is
3 three years and 240 days after the date of the enactment
4 of this Act.

5 **TITLE IV—REPURPOSING**
6 **FEDERAL DRUG PROGRAMS**

7 **SEC. 401. REAUTHORIZATION OF BLOCK GRANTS FOR PRE-**
8 **VENTION AND TREATMENT OF SUBSTANCE**
9 **ABUSE.**

10 Section 1935(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42
11 U.S.C. 300x–35(a)) is amended by striking “
12 \$1,908,079,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through
13 2027” and inserting “\$3,961,600,000 for each of fiscal
14 years 2025 through 2029”.

15 **SEC. 402. OFFSETTING REPEALS.**

16 (a) SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAMS OF
17 REGIONAL AND NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.—Section 509
18 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–2) is
19 hereby repealed.

20 (b) DRUG-FREE COMMUNITIES SUPPORT PRO-
21 GRAM.—Chapter 2 of subtitle A of title I of the National
22 Narcotics Leadership Act of 1988 (21 U.S.C. 1521 et
23 seq.) is hereby repealed.

24 (c) COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK
25 GRANT.—Subpart I of part B of title XIX of the Public

1 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300x et seq.) is hereby re-
2 pealed.

3 (d) GRANTS FOR JAIL DIVERSION PROGRAMS.—Sec-
4 tion 520G of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
5 290bb–38) is hereby repealed.

6 (e) PROJECT AWARE; CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BE-
7 HAVIORAL HEALTH CLINICS EXPANSION GRANTS.—The
8 Secretary of Health and Human Services shall terminate
9 by the end of fiscal year 2025, and not establish any suc-
10 cessor programs to, the following programs carried out
11 under section 520A of the Public Health Service Act (42
12 U.S.C. 290bb–32):

13 (1) Project AWARE.

14 (2) The Certified Community Behavioral
15 Health Clinics Expansion Grants program.

16 (f) PRIORITY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PREVEN-
17 TION NEEDS OF REGIONAL AND NATIONAL SIGNIFI-
18 CANCE.—Section 516 of the Public Health Service Act (42
19 U.S.C. 290bb–22) is hereby repealed.

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