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To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a biennial survey of tactical infrastructure along the southern border, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself and Mr. WEBER of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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 “Furthering American
5 Security by Tempering Environmental Regulations Act”
6 or the “FASTER Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. BIENNIAL SURVEY OF TACTICAL INFRASTRUCTURE**
8 **ALONG THE SOUTHERN BORDER.**

9 (a) BIENNIAL SURVEYS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act and bien-
3 nially thereafter, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
4 rity shall conduct a survey of existing tactical infra-
5 structure along the southern border. Each such sur-
6 vey shall include the following:

7 (A) A measurement of the number of miles
8 of the southern border that are without tactical
9 infrastructure.

10 (B) A description of any deficiencies in the
11 structure of existing tactical infrastructure
12 along the southern border.

13 (C) A description of any deficiencies in
14 technology along the southern border.

15 (2) REPORTS.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days
17 after the conclusion of each survey under para-
18 graph (1), the Secretary of Homeland Security
19 shall submit to the Committee on Homeland
20 Security of the House of Representatives and
21 the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
22 ernmental Affairs of the Senate a report con-
23 taining the findings and results of such survey.

24 (B) FORM.—Each report under subpara-
25 graph (A) shall be submitted in unclassified for-

1 mat but may include a classified annex if the
 2 Secretary of Homeland Security determines
 3 such is appropriate.

4 (b) IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN AUTHORITY.—If
 5 the Secretary of Homeland Security determines, pursuant
 6 to a survey under subsection (a), that there is a deficiency
 7 described paragraph (1) of such subsection, the Secretary
 8 shall take such actions as may be necessary, including ex-
 9 ercising the authority provided pursuant to paragraph (1)
 10 of section 102(c) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and
 11 Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1103
 12 note), to waive all legal requirements to correct in an expe-
 13 dited manner such a deficiency.

14 (c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “defi-
 15 ciency”, when used with respect to tactical infrastructure
 16 or technology, means that any such tactical infrastructure
 17 or technology, as the case may be—

18 (1) is not operational; or

19 (2) cannot serve the intended function or pur-
 20 pose as a result of—

21 (A) damage;

22 (B) deterioration; or

23 (C) unmet maintenance or repair.

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