

Substitute Offered by Mr. Gallego of Arizona for the Amendment to H.R. 7900 Offered by Mr. Gaetz of Florida

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 7900, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Briefing on military readiness impacts due to irregular migration at the Barry M. Goldwater Range

The Barry M. Goldwater Range is a preeminent facility providing critical training opportunities to our military for over 80 years. Currently, it provides realistic and unique air to ground training to the United States Air Force, the Marine Corps, and many of our NATO, Allied, and Coalition flight crews. However, due to its proximity to the border between the United States and Mexico, the range must sometimes cease operations due to migrants crossing between the United States and Mexico near or on the range facility. These crossings are not only dangerous for the migrants but disruptive to training and could have an impact on military readiness.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than February 28, 2023, on the potential impact that migrant activity at the Barry M. Goldwater Range could have had on military readiness in fiscal year 2022. At a minimum, the report should include the following information:

- (1) Number of times the range temporarily suspended operations due to migrants being on or near the range;
- (2) The type and quantity of training that was canceled due to migrants causing the range to temporarily suspend operations;
- (3) Whether any of these temporary stoppages to training prevented the training objectives from being met;
- (4) The additional costs of any stoppages to training and schedule adjustments to reschedule any disrupted training;
- (5) Whether a direct correlation between suspended range operations due to migrant activity and impacts on military readiness can be made; and
- (6) What control measures are currently in place to prevent migrants from crossing the United States and Mexico border at the range and whether there are plans to modify current control measures.