

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 4532  
OFFERED BY MR. STANTON OF ARIZONA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “American Cooperation  
3 with Our Neighbors Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. SUBNATIONAL COOPERATION STRATEGY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270 days after the  
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,  
7 acting through the Assistant Secretary of State for West-  
8 ern Hemisphere Affairs and the Assistant Secretary of  
9 State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement  
10 Affairs, and in coordination with the heads of any relevant  
11 foreign assistance agencies, shall submit to the Committee  
12 on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and  
13 the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a strat-  
14 egy on efforts to strengthen subnational cooperation be-  
15 tween the United States and Mexico for the purposes of—

16 (1) enhancing law enforcement cooperation and  
17 local, State, and Federal security forces cooperation  
18 at a subnational level for the purpose of curbing

1       fentanyl trafficking and other synthetic opioids, in-  
2       cluding activities such as—

3               (A) bolstering technical assistance and co-  
4               ordination for law enforcement agencies and  
5               local, State, and Federal security forces;

6               (B) carrying out exchange programs for  
7               the purposes of professional development; and

8               (C) enhancing data sharing, as appro-  
9               priate;

10              (2) bolstering subnational dialogue and capacity  
11              building between Federal and local governments,  
12              civil society, faith-based organizations, and business  
13              community leaders and integrating issues faced by  
14              local communities, including with respect to traf-  
15              ficking of fentanyl and other synthetic opioids; and

16              (3) strengthening capacity building and provide  
17              resources for border towns and organizations within  
18              those towns that attempt to meet the needs of com-  
19              munities.

20              (b) UPDATE.—Not later than 2 years after the date  
21              of the submission of the strategy under subsection (a), the  
22              President shall submit to the congressional committees  
23              specified in subsection (a) an update containing an assess-  
24              ment of the implementation and effectiveness of the strat-

1 egy, lessons learned from the past year with respect to  
2 the strategy, and planned changes to the strategy.

3 (c) FORM.—The strategy under subsection (a), and  
4 the update under subsection (b), shall be submitted in un-  
5 classified form.

6 (d) LIMITATION ON DATA SHARING.—

7 (1) LIMITATION.—The Secretary of State may  
8 not carry out any project, program, or activity that  
9 implements the strategy under subsection (a) for the  
10 purpose specified in paragraph (1)(C) of such sub-  
11 section until the Secretary submits to the appro-  
12 priate congressional committees a notification re-  
13 garding the data intended to be shared with foreign  
14 countries pursuant to such strategy.

15 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
16 TEES.—In this subsection, the term “appropriate  
17 congressional committees” means—

18 (A) the Committee on the Judiciary, the  
19 Committee on Homeland Security, the Com-  
20 mittee on Foreign Affairs, and the Permanent  
21 Select Committee on Intelligence of the House  
22 of Representatives; and

23 (B) the Committee on the Judiciary, the  
24 Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-  
25 mental Affairs, the Committee on Foreign Rela-

1           tions, and the Select Committee on Intelligence  
2           of the Senate.

3 **SEC. 3. DEPARTMENT OF STATE REVIEW OF ACCESS TO FI-**  
4 **NANCE BY CARICOM MEMBERS.**

5           (a) REVIEW.—The Secretary of State, in consultation  
6 with the Secretary of Treasury, shall conduct a review to  
7 determine any steps, balancing costs and benefits, that the  
8 Secretaries could take to expand financial access to the  
9 member countries of the Caribbean Community  
10 (CARICOM), including through a review of—

11           (1) enforcement of legal and compliance stand-  
12           ards;

13           (2) reporting requirements pertaining to nar-  
14           cotics trafficking and illicit finance thereof;

15           (3) possible expansion of embassies and con-  
16           sulates in the region; and

17           (4) programming or lack thereof pertaining to  
18           access to capital in the region.

19           (b) REPORT.—The Secretary shall submit to the ap-  
20           propriate congressional committees a report on the find-  
21           ings of the Secretary pertaining to the review under sub-  
22           section (a).

23           (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-  
24           FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-  
25           sional committees” means—

1           (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the  
2           Committee on Financial Services of the House of  
3           Representatives; and

4           (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and  
5           the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Af-  
6           fairs of the Senate.

