

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
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OFFERED BY Mr. Thanedar**

Amend section 3 to read as follows:

1 SEC. 3. BORDER SECURITY AND MIGRANT SAFETY.

2 (a) INTEGRATED BORDER INTELLIGENCE ANALYT-
3 ICAL CELL.—The Secretary shall establish within the Na-
4 tional Targeting Center of CBP a dedicated intelligence
5 cell focused on sharing information regarding con-
6 centrated surges of migrants arriving at the land border
7 of the United States, and illicit smuggling and trafficking
8 that may pose a border security, homeland security, public
9 health, or other threat to the land border of the United
10 States. Such cell shall integrate intelligence capabilities
11 from across the Department to carry out the following:

12 (1) Develop intelligence products to improve the
13 Department's ability to track, prepare for, and man-
14 age in a humane and effective manner concentrated
15 surges of migrants arriving along the land border of
16 the United States.

17 (2) Report on transnational criminal organiza-
18 tions exploiting migrating populations and migration

1 routes to smuggle narcotics and other illicit goods
2 across the land border of the United States.

3 (3) Support Federal efforts to dismantle or dis-
4 rupt illicit smuggling and trafficking along the land
5 border of the United States.

6 (4) Report on communications by transnational
7 criminal organizations and other malicious actors
8 that seek to encourage illicit migrant travel to the
9 United States.

10 (5) Develop other related intelligence products
11 that support the Department's border security oper-
12 ations.

13 (b) DEPARTMENT JOINT TASK FORCE TO COMBAT
14 TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS EXPLOITING
15 MIGRATION SURGES.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection
17 (b)(11) of section 708 of the Homeland Security Act
18 of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 348), not later than 180 days
19 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
20 retary shall, pursuant to such section, establish a de-
21 partmental Joint Task Force to conduct operations
22 using personnel and capabilities of the Department
23 to combat human trafficking and smuggling along
24 the land border of the United States for the purpose

1 specified in clause (i) of subsection (b)(2)(A) of such
2 section. Such task force shall—

3 (A) pay particular attention to
4 transnational criminal organizations that target
5 foreign nationals, particularly children and fam-
6 ilies, for smuggling and trafficking across the
7 land border of the United States; and

8 (B) when appropriate, refer to the Attor-
9 ney General for prosecution border-related
10 criminal activity.

11 (2) PERFORMANCE METRICS.—Consistent with
12 subsection (b)(9) of section 708 of the Homeland
13 Security Act of 2002, the Secretary shall establish
14 and submit to the appropriate congressional commit-
15 tees performance metrics to evaluate the effective-
16 ness of the Joint Task Force established pursuant to
17 paragraph (1). Such performance metrics shall in-
18 clude outcome-based metrics associated with efforts
19 to combat human trafficking and smuggling across
20 the land border of the United States, including in-
21 formation on effectiveness at identifying
22 transnational criminal organizations engaged in such
23 activity, the sharing of information regarding such
24 organizations, efforts to dismantle or disrupt such

1 activity by such organizations, and investigative con-
2 tributions to the prosecution of such organizations.

3 (3) QUARTERLY REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not
4 later than four months after the establishment of
5 the Joint Task Force pursuant to paragraph (1) and
6 every four months thereafter until such Joint Task
7 Force is disbanded by the Secretary in accordance
8 with paragraph (4), the Director of such Joint Task
9 Force shall report to the appropriate congressional
10 committees on the activities of such Joint Task
11 Force during the preceding four-month period.

12 (4) DISBANDING OF JOINT TASK FORCE.—The
13 Secretary shall—

14 (A) upon establishment of the Joint Task
15 Force pursuant to paragraph (1), report to the
16 appropriate congressional committees the cri-
17 teria to be applied by the Secretary before mak-
18 ing a determination to disband such Joint Task
19 Force; and

20 (B) not later than 15 days prior to dis-
21 banding such Joint Task Force, submit to such
22 committees a justification relating thereto.

23 (5) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
24 TEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “ap-
25 propriate congressional committees” means the com-

1 mittees specified in subparagraph (F) of section
2 708(b)(6) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002.

3 (6) REPEAL OF SUNSET.—Paragraph (13) of
4 section 708(b) of the Homeland Security Act of
5 2002 is repealed.

6 (c) STRENGTHENING CROSS-BORDER PARTNER-
7 SHIPS.—The Secretary, in coordination with the Secretary
8 of State, shall expand partnership efforts with law enforce-
9 ment entities in Canada, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras,
10 and El Salvador to combat human smuggling and traf-
11 ficking in such countries, including through the following:

12 (1) Expansion of transnational criminal inves-
13 tigative units to identify, disrupt, dismantle, and
14 prosecute human smuggling and trafficking oper-
15 ations.

16 (2) Participation in the Bilateral Human Traf-
17 ficking Enforcement Initiative by U.S. Immigration
18 and Customs Enforcement and the Department of
19 Justice with their Mexican law enforcement counter-
20 parts.

21 (3) Advanced training programs for investiga-
22 tors and prosecutors from such countries.

