To establish the position of Northern Border Coordinator in the Department of Homeland Security.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. NORTHERN BORDER COORDINATOR.

(a) In General.—Title IV of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 201 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 402—

(A) by redesignating paragraph (8) as paragraph (9); and

(B) by inserting after paragraph (7) the following:
“(8) Increasing the security of the border between the United States and Canada and the ports of entry located along that border, and improving the coordination among the agencies responsible for maintaining that security.”; and

(2) in subtitle C, by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 431. NORTHERN BORDER COORDINATOR.

“(a) In General.—There shall be within the Directorate of Border and Transportation Security the position of Northern Border Coordinator, who shall be appointed by the Secretary and who shall report directly to the Under Secretary for Border and Transportation Security.

“(b) Responsibilities.—The Northern Border Coordinator shall be responsible for—

“(1) increasing the security of the border, including ports of entry, between the United States and Canada;

“(2) improving the coordination among the agencies responsible for the security described under paragraph (1);

“(3) serving as the primary liaison with State and local governments and law enforcement agencies regarding security along the border between the United States and Canada; and
“(4) serving as a liaison with the Canadian government on border security.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101 et seq.) is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 430 the following:

“Sec. 431. Northern Border Coordinator.”.