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To direct the Secretary of State to submit to Congress a report on the designation of the Reynosa/Los Metros faction of the Gulf Cartel, and the Cartel Del Noreste faction of Los Zetas as foreign terrorist organizations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 15, 2021

Mr. ROY (for himself, Mr. GREEN of Tennessee, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Ms. VAN DUYN, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. FALLON, Mr. GOHMERT, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mr. BRADY, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. PERRY, Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. BUDD, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. HICE of Georgia, Ms. HERRELL, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mrs. GREENE of Georgia, Mr. BUCK, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. DONALDS, and Mr. DAVIDSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Drug Cartel Terrorist
3 Designation Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN DRUG CAR-**
5 **TELS AS FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZA-**
6 **TIONS.**

7 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
8 gress that each of the drug cartels set forth in subsection
9 (b) meets the criteria for designation as a foreign terrorist
10 organization as set forth in section 219 of the Immigration
11 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189).

12 (b) DESIGNATION.—The Secretary of State shall des-
13 ignate each of the following Mexican drug cartels as a for-
14 eign terrorist organization under such section 219:

15 (1) The Reynosa/Los Metros faction of the Gulf
16 Cartel.

17 (2) The Cartel Del Noreste faction of Los
18 Zetas.

19 (c) REPORT.—

20 (1) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 30
21 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
22 Secretary of State, in consultation with the Director
23 of National Intelligence, shall submit to the appro-
24 priate committees of Congress—

25 (A) a detailed report on each of the drug
26 cartels listed in section (2)(b) and any other

1 cartels the Secretary may identify, including the
2 criteria met for designation as a foreign ter-
3 rorist organization as set forth in section 219
4 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
5 U.S.C. 1189); and

6 (B) for each of the cartels designated
7 under subsection (b), if the Secretary deter-
8 mines that the drug cartel does not meet the
9 criteria set forth under such section 219, a de-
10 tailed justification as to which criteria have not
11 been met.

12 (2) DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL CARTELS.—

13 Not later than 30 days after the submission of the
14 report the Secretary shall designate any cartel or
15 any faction thereof as a foreign terrorist organiza-
16 tion listed in the report that met the criteria for des-
17 ignation as a foreign terrorist organization as set
18 forth in section 219 of the Immigration and Nation-
19 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189).

20 (3) FORM.—The report required by paragraph

21 (1) shall—

22 (A) be submitted in unclassified form, but
23 may include a classified annex; and

24 (B) be made available only in electronic
25 form and shall not be printed, except if a print-

1 ed copy is requested by an office of the legisla-
2 tive branch.

3 (4) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS
4 DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “appro-
5 priate committees of Congress” means—

6 (A) the Committee on Armed Services, the
7 Committee on Financial Services, the Com-
8 mittee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on
9 the Judiciary, the Committee on Homeland Se-
10 curity, and the Permanent Select Committee on
11 Intelligence of the House of Representatives;
12 and

13 (B) the Committee on Armed Services, the
14 Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban
15 Affairs, the Committee on Foreign Relations,
16 the Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee
17 on Homeland Security and Governmental Af-
18 fairs, and the Select Committee on Intelligence
19 of the Senate.

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