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# H. R. 8940

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

Mrs. LESKO (for herself, Mr. GOSAR, and Mr. WEBER of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting our Border,  
5 Protecting our Water Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NEGOTIATION AUTHORITY.**

2       The Secretary of State, acting through the United  
3 States Commissioner of the International Boundary and  
4 Water Commission, shall seek to use the voice, vote, and  
5 influence of the United States to enter into an agreement  
6 with Mexico providing that for each alien (as such term  
7 is defined in section 101 of the Immigration and Nation-  
8 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101)) apprehended in a State that  
9 is a signatory to the Colorado River Compact who the Sec-  
10 retary certifies to the Government of Mexico entered un-  
11 lawfully across the southern international border of the  
12 United States, the Government of Mexico shall agree to  
13 forfeit one acre-foot of water rights to such signatory  
14 State.

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