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To require the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of Commerce to submit to Congress reports on the commercial and passenger vehicle traffic at certain points of entry, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RODRIGUEZ (for himself, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. REYES, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. GRJALVA, Mr. HINOJOSA, and Mr. FILNER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Border Wait Times
5 Study Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

7 The purposes of this Act are—

1 (1) to analyze the traffic patterns of commer-
2 cial and passenger vehicles at international land
3 ports of entry along the northern and southern bor-
4 ders of the United States;

5 (2) to analyze the volume and wait times of
6 commercial and passenger vehicles entering and
7 exiting the United States at such land ports of entry
8 since 2000;

9 (3) to analyze how staffing levels affect wait
10 times at such land ports of entry since 2000; and

11 (4) to analyze the impact of paragraphs (1),
12 (2), and (3) on the economic impact on commerce in
13 international border communities, border States, and
14 the United States.

15 **SEC. 3. STUDY OF TRAFFIC PATTERNS AT LAND PORTS OF**
16 **ENTRY.**

17 (a) **STUDY REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of Transpor-
18 tation, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Se-
19 curity, shall conduct a study of the traffic patterns of com-
20 mercial and passenger vehicles entering and exiting the
21 United States at international land ports of entry along
22 the northern and southern borders.

23 (b) **MATTERS COVERED.**—The study required under
24 subsection (a) shall include an analysis of—

1 (1) traffic volume and wait times of commercial
2 and passenger vehicles at international land ports of
3 entry along the northern and southern borders of
4 the United States since 2000; and

5 (2) how staffing levels at such ports of entry for
6 the United States along these borders has affected
7 wait times since 2000.

8 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-
10 tation shall submit to Congress a report on the findings
11 of the study required under subsection (a).

12 **SEC. 4. STUDY ON THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF TRAFFIC AT**
13 **LAND PORTS OF ENTRY.**

14 (a) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Commerce,
15 in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security,
16 shall conduct a study regarding of the negative economic
17 impact, if any, on the United States of wait times at the
18 international land ports of entry referred to in section 3.

19 (b) MATTERS COVERED.—The study required under
20 subsection (a) shall include an analysis of such economic
21 impact—

22 (1) with respect to the volume of commercial
23 and passenger vehicles since 2000; and

24 (2) on the United States, including on border
25 States and communities.

1 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce
3 shall submit to Congress a report on the findings of the
4 study required under subsection (a).

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