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To require a report on the efforts of the United States Government to increase border security.

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Ms. GIFFORDS (for herself, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BOYD of Florida, Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. ELLSWORTH, Mr. FEENEY, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. HALL of New York, Mr. HILL, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. MITCHELL, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, and Mr. TANCREDO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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 Security Ac-
5 countability Act of 2008”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON INCREASED BORDER SECURITY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act and every 90 days there-

1 after, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit to
2 the appropriate congressional committees a report on the
3 efforts of the United States Government to increase bor-
4 der security.

5 (b) CONTENTS.—The report required by subsection
6 (a) shall outline—

7 (1) all presidential directives, programs, and
8 strategies for carrying out and increasing United
9 States Government efforts to increase border secu-
10 rity;

11 (2) the goals and objectives of each of these ef-
12 forts;

13 (3) the progress made in each of these efforts;

14 (4) the projected timelines for each of these ef-
15 forts to become fully functional and effective;

16 (5) the expenditures made in conjunction with
17 each of these efforts;

18 (6) the apprehension, detention, and deporta-
19 tion process and rates, including the exact distance
20 apprehensions take place from the border and the
21 release rates for those apprehensions;

22 (7) an assessment of the threats posed by ter-
23 rorists, terrorist groups, and criminal organizations
24 that may try to infiltrate the United States at loca-

1 tions along the international land and maritime bor-
2 ders of the United States;

3 (8) an assessment of staffing needs for all bor-
4 der security functions, taking into account threat
5 and vulnerability information pertaining to the bor-
6 ders and the impact of new security programs, poli-
7 cies, and technologies; and

8 (9) an assessment of training for all border se-
9 curity functions, taking into account new security
10 programs, policies, technologies, and challenges and
11 threats unique to the region or terrain where train-
12 ees will be assigned.

13 (c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “appro-
14 priate congressional committees” means—

15 (1) the Committee on Homeland Security and
16 the Committee on Appropriations of the House of
17 Representatives; and

18 (2) the Committee on Homeland Security and
19 Governmental Affairs and the Committee on Appro-
20 priations of the Senate.

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