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To require a homeland security border threat assessment on Tren de Aragua and associated strategic plan, and for other purposes.

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Mr. KNOTT (for himself, Mr. GUEST, Mr. McCAUL, Mr. OGLES, Mr. CRANE, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. MACKENZIE, Mr. STRONG, Mr. GREEN of Tennessee, Mr. BRECHEEN, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. EVANS of Colorado, Mr. McDOWELL, and Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana) 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 “Tren de Aragua Bor-
5 der Security Threat Assessment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. HOMELAND SECURITY BORDER THREAT ASSESS-**
2 **MENT ON TREN DE ARAGUA; STRATEGIC**
3 **PLAN.**

4 (a) THREAT ASSESSMENT.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
7 retary of Homeland Security, in consultation with
8 the intelligence community and the heads of other
9 relevant Federal departments or agencies as the Sec-
10 retary determines appropriate, shall submit to the
11 appropriate congressional committees a border
12 threat assessment regarding Tren de Aragua (in this
13 section referred to as the “threat assessment”).

14 (2) ELEMENTS.—The threat assessment shall
15 include the following:

16 (A) An identification of current and poten-
17 tial criminal threats posed by members of Tren
18 de Aragua and affiliates seeking to—

19 (i) unlawfully enter the United States
20 through the southwest, northern, or mari-
21 time border; or

22 (ii) exploit any security vulnerabilities
23 along the southwest, northern, or maritime
24 border.

25 (B) Descriptions of the following with re-
26 spect to Tren de Aragua:

- 1 (i) Origins.
- 2 (ii) Strategic aims.
- 3 (iii) Tactical methods.
- 4 (iv) Funding sources.
- 5 (v) Leadership structure.
- 6 (vi) Chronological growth and pres-
- 7 ence in the United States.

8 (C) Any other matters the Secretary of
9 Homeland Security considers appropriate.

10 (3) FORM.—The threat assessment shall be
11 submitted in unclassified form, but may include a
12 classified annex.

13 (b) STRATEGIC PLAN.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
15 after the submission of the threat assessment under
16 subsection (a), the Secretary of Homeland Security,
17 in consultation with the heads of other relevant Fed-
18 eral departments or agencies as the Secretary deter-
19 mines appropriate, shall submit to the appropriate
20 congressional committees a strategic plan (in this
21 subsection referred to as the “Strategic Plan”) relat-
22 ing to countering the threats identified in the threat
23 assessment, in accordance with paragraph (2).

1 (2) CONTENTS.—The Strategic Plan shall in-
2 clude, at a minimum, a consideration of the fol-
3 lowing:

4 (A) The threat assessment, with an em-
5 phasis on efforts to mitigate the criminal
6 threats from transnational criminal organiza-
7 tions, including the threats identified in the
8 threat assessment in accordance with subsection
9 (a)(2)(A).

10 (B) Efforts to analyze and disseminate
11 border security and border threat information
12 between Department of Homeland Security bor-
13 der security components with the following:

14 (i) Other appropriate Federal depart-
15 ments and agencies with missions associ-
16 ated with the southwest, northern, or mari-
17 time border.

18 (ii) State, local, Tribal, and territorial
19 law enforcement agencies with jurisdictions
20 adjacent to the southwest, northern, or
21 maritime border.

22 (C) Efforts to locate, detect, interdict, and
23 disrupt transnational criminal organizations, in-
24 cluding Tren de Aragua.

1 (D) Efforts to prevent transnational crimi-
2 nal organizations, including Tren de Aragua,
3 from proliferating in the United States.

4 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
6 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
7 mittees” means—

8 (A) the Committee on Homeland Security
9 of the House of Representatives; and

10 (B) the Committee on Homeland Security
11 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate.

12 (2) INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.—The term
13 “intelligence community” has the meaning given
14 such term in section 3(4) of the National Security
15 Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003(4)).

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