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To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to negotiate an agreement with the Government of Canada for integrated cross-border aerial, land, and maritime law enforcement operations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANGWORTHY (for himself, Mr. ALFORD, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. CRENSHAW, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. VAN DREW, and Mrs. LUNA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Homeland Security, and Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to negotiate an agreement with the Government of Canada for integrated cross-border aerial, land, and maritime law enforcement operations, and for other purposes.

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 “Integrated Cross-Bor-
5 der Law Enforcement Operations Expansion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 It is the sense of Congress that to the greatest extent
3 practicable and consistent with the foreign policy objec-
4 tives of the United States, the Secretary of Homeland Se-
5 curity should seek to utilize the authorities granted in this
6 legislation to, among other things, negotiate or amend ex-
7 isting agreements with the Government of Canada, as ap-
8 propriate, for integrated cross-border aerial, maritime,
9 and land law enforcement operations.

10 **SEC. 3. INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT COOPERA-**
11 **TION.**

12 (a) AMENDMENTS TO THE TARIFF ACT OF 1930.—
13 Part V of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1581 et seq.)
14 is amended—

15 (1) in section 629(g), by adding after the period
16 at the end the following: “The Secretary of State, in
17 coordination with the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
18 rity, may enter into a treaty or agreement with any
19 foreign country to extend to an officer of such coun-
20 try that is designated as an officer of the Customs
21 Service pursuant to section 401(i) of this Act the
22 same privileges and immunities as an officer of the
23 Customs Service with respect to any actions taken
24 by the designated person in the performance of such
25 duties.”; and

1 (2) by inserting after section 629 the following
2 new section:

3 **“SEC. 629A. OPERATIONS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND**
4 **SUPPORT TO FOREIGN AUTHORITIES.**

5 “The Secretary of Homeland Security may use funds
6 appropriated or otherwise available to U.S. Customs and
7 Border Protection for operations and support to pay a tort
8 claims, in the manner authorized in the first paragraph
9 of section 2672 of title 28, United States Code, when such
10 claim when arises in a foreign country in connection with
11 U.S. Customs and Border Protection operations.”.

12 (b) AMENDMENT TO THE HOMELAND SECURITY
13 ACT.—Subtitle H of title VIII of the Homeland Security
14 Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 451 et seq.) is amended by adding
15 at the end the following:

16 **“SEC. 890E. STATIONING OF FOREIGN LAW ENFORCEMENT**
17 **OFFICIALS AND OTHER PERSONNEL.**

18 “The Secretary or the Attorney General, or both as
19 appropriate, may station or deploy United States law en-
20 forcement officers and associated personnel in a foreign
21 country, and may accept the stationing or deployment of
22 foreign law enforcement officials and other persons as-
23 signed by a foreign government in the United States, for
24 the purpose of enhancing border security or law enforce-
25 ment cooperation or operations, including for purposes of

1 conducting joint operations in the land, air, and maritime
2 domain, with that country. The Secretary of State, in co-
3 ordination with the Secretary or the Attorney General, or
4 both as appropriate, may enter into treaties or agreements
5 with any foreign country to extend to foreign law enforce-
6 ment officials and other persons assigned by the foreign
7 government who are stationed in the United States such
8 privileges and immunities as are necessary to carry out
9 their functions.”.

10 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
11 for the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101 et
12 seq.) is amended by inserting after the item relating to
13 section 890D the following:

“Sec. 890E. Stationing of foreign law enforcement officials and other per-
sonnel.”.

