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To authorize the International Boundary and Water Commission to accept funds for activities relating to wastewater treatment and flood control works, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PADILLA introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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. INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COM-**
4 **MISSION AUTHORITY.**

5 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Commission is authorized
6 to accept funds from a Federal or non-Federal entity, in-
7 cluding through a grant or funding agreement, to study,
8 design, construct, operate, or maintain wastewater treat-

1 ment works, water conservation projects, or flood control
 2 works, and related structures, consistent with the func-
 3 tions of the Commission.

4 (b) DEPOSIT.—Any funds accepted by the Commis-
 5 sion under this section shall be deposited into the account
 6 in the Treasury of the United States entitled “Inter-
 7 national Boundary and Water Commission, United States
 8 and Mexico” and shall be available until expended to carry
 9 out the activities described in subsection (a).

10 (c) LIMITATIONS.—

11 (1) LIMIT ON REIMBURSEMENT.—The Commis-
 12 sion may not provide credit towards the non-Federal
 13 share of the cost of a project, or reimbursement, to
 14 non-Federal entities for funds accepted under this
 15 section in an amount that exceeds a total of
 16 \$5,000,000 in any fiscal year.

17 (2) SOURCE OF FUNDS.—The Commission may
 18 not accept funds under this section from any non-
 19 Federal entity—

20 (A) that is domiciled in, headquartered in,
 21 or organized under the laws of, or the principal
 22 place of business of which is located in, a for-
 23 eign country of concern; or

24 (B) that has in place any agreement with
 25 a foreign country of concern.

1 (d) REPORT.—Not later than the last day of each fis-
 2 cal year, the Commission shall submit to the Committee
 3 on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Appropria-
 4 tions of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation
 5 and Infrastructure and the Committee on Appropriations
 6 of the House of Representatives a report on the funds ac-
 7 cepted under this section that includes a description of—

8 (1) the activities carried out with such funds;
 9 and

10 (2) costs associated with such activities.

11 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
 13 means the United States Section of the Inter-
 14 national Boundary and Water Commission, United
 15 States and Mexico.

16 (2) FOREIGN COUNTRY OF CONCERN.—The
 17 term “foreign country of concern” has the meaning
 18 given that term in section 10638 of the Research
 19 and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act
 20 (42 U.S.C. 19237).

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