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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JACKSON (for himself, Mr. BABIN, Mr. CAREY, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. PALAZZO, and Mr. DONALDS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, and Ways and Means, 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

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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 Czar Account-
5 ability Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT RELATING TO VISIT TO UNITED STATES**

2 **LAND BORDER WITH MEXICO.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Any Cabinet member appointed
4 by the President to lead efforts related to immigration or
5 securing the United States land border with Mexico shall
6 visit such border at least once every 60 days.

7 (b) REPORT.—

8 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 30 days
9 after the date of enactment of this Act, any Cabinet
10 member appointed by the President to lead efforts
11 related to immigration or securing the United States
12 land border with Mexico shall submit to the Presi-
13 dent and Congress a report describing how policy
14 changes that went into effect during the period be-
15 ginning on or after January 20, 2021, and ending
16 on the date of enactment of this Act, including—

17 (A) the effect of such policies on agents in
18 the Department of Homeland Security and local
19 law enforcement and government officials in
20 States, units of local governments, Indian
21 tribes, and territories;

22 (B) the difference in the amount of funds
23 expended in fiscal year 2021 in comparison to
24 fiscal year 2020 to address the unlawful pres-
25 ence of aliens in the United States, including
26 expenditures with respect to border security and

1 education, healthcare, and shelter for aliens un-
2 lawfully present in the United States; and

3 (C) whether funds have been transferred
4 from any executive department or agency to the
5 Department of Homeland Security for the pur-
6 pose of supporting efforts to secure the south-
7 ern border and preventing unlawful entry into
8 the United States.

9 (2) VISIT REPORTS.—Not later than 15 days
10 after each visit referred to in subsection (a), any
11 Cabinet member appointed by the President to lead
12 efforts related to immigration or securing the United
13 States land border with Mexico shall submit to the
14 President and Congress a report that includes—

15 (A) information relating to any issues ei-
16 ther observed or informed of during such visit,
17 including—

18 (i) a detailed list of the Federal
19 agents and local supporting law enforce-
20 ment officers the Cabinet member met in
21 person while on location at a facility oper-
22 ated by U.S. Customs and Border Protec-
23 tion, or at a Border Patrol Duty location,
24 at the United States land border with Mex-
25 ico;

1 (ii) trends at the border with respect
2 to demographics and group size that could
3 contribute to overcrowding of U.S. Customs and Border Protection facilities;

4 (iii) the negative impact unlawful immigration has had on farmers and ranchers near the United States land border with Mexico;

5 (iv) the number of aliens unlawfully present in the United States who are housed in the U.S. Customs and Border Protection facilities, including how the number has changed since the previous report;

6 (v) the number and description of illicit drugs, weapons, and other contraband obtained from aliens unlawfully present in the United States by agents of the Department of Homeland Security and local law enforcement officers;

7 (vi) the number of unlawful points of entry from which such aliens entered into the United States, including how the number has changed since the previous report; and

1 (vii) the number of aliens unlawfully
2 present in the United States who are re-
3 leased into the local community without a
4 notice to appear;

5 (B) suggestions for improvement of the se-
6 curity and situation at such border, including
7 proposals for legislation relating to—

8 (i) preventing unlawful immigration;

9 (ii) adjusting Federal resources, in-
10 cluding staffing and equipment;

11 (iii) enhancing interoperability be-
12 tween Federal, State, Tribal, territorial,
13 and local governments;

14 (iv) enhancing the processing of traf-
15 fic and commerce;

16 (v) developing procedures to more ef-
17 fectively seize and dispose of drugs, weap-
18 ons, or other contraband;

19 (vi) developing procedures to combat
20 human trafficking; and

21 (vii) developing procedures to address
22 any negative impact unlawful immigration
23 has on farmers and ranchers near the
24 United States land border with Mexico;
25 and

1 (C) any other information such head deter-
2 mines appropriate.

3 (c) SANCTION.—No Federal funds may be obligated
4 or expended by any Cabinet member appointed by the
5 President to lead efforts related to immigration or secur-
6 ing the United States land border with Mexico if the re-
7 port under subsection (b) was not submitted, until such
8 time as the report is delivered.

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