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# H. R. 6239

To require the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security to investigate the vetting and processing of illegal aliens apprehended along the southwest border and to ensure that all laws are being upheld.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 9, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. ROSE, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. KELLER, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. MCKINLEY, Ms. HERRELL, Mrs. WAGNER, Mrs. LESKO, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. GUEST, Mr. BABIN, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Ms. LETLOW, Mr. MANN, Mr. JACOBS of New York, Mr. BURGESS, Ms. MACE, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. KUSTOFF, Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. KATKO, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. MOORE of Alabama) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Upholding the Law  
3 at Our Border Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. INVESTIGATION AND REPORT ON VETTING AND**  
5 **PROCESSING OF ILLEGAL ALIENS APPRE-**  
6 **HENDED ALONG THE SOUTHWEST BORDER**  
7 **AND ENSURING THAT ALL LAWS ARE BEING**  
8 **UPHELD.**

9       Not less frequently than every 60 days until there  
10 have been fewer than 35,000 apprehensions per month at  
11 the southwest border for 3 consecutive months, the Inspec-  
12 tor General of the Department of Homeland Security shall  
13 conduct an investigation and submit a report and provide  
14 a briefing to the President, the Secretary of Homeland  
15 Security, the Attorney General, the Committee on Home-  
16 land Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate,  
17 and the Committee on Homeland Security of the House  
18 of Representatives regarding, with respect to the period  
19 beginning on January 20, 2021—

20           (1) the vetting procedures applicable to aliens  
21       (as defined in section 101(a) of the Immigration and  
22       Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a))) seeking entry or  
23       admission to the United States who were appre-  
24       hended along the southwest border of the United  
25       States, including the process for conducting in-per-

1 son interviews with such aliens and the number of  
2 such interviews that were conducted;

3 (2) the total number of illegal aliens who were  
4 processed and released into the interior of the  
5 United States;

6 (3) the number of illegal aliens who received pa-  
7 role (humanitarian or otherwise);

8 (4) the results of the audit of parole applica-  
9 tions, including the justification for any instances in  
10 which parole was granted;

11 (5) the total number of illegal aliens who have  
12 been placed in removal proceedings pursuant to sec-  
13 tion 240 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8  
14 U.S.C. 1229a), including—

15 (A) how many have been removed; and

16 (B) how many are eligible for any immi-  
17 gration benefit, such as asylum or lawful per-  
18 manent residence;

19 (6) the results of the audit of asylum applica-  
20 tion under section 208 of the Immigration and Na-  
21 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1158);

22 (7) the total number of illegal aliens who have  
23 been placed in expedited removal proceedings pursu-  
24 ant to section 235(b)(1) of the Immigration and Na-

1        tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1225(b)(1)), including how  
2        many have been removed;

3            (8) the efforts of the Department of Homeland  
4        Security to continually monitor all of the illegal  
5        aliens who were apprehended along the southwest  
6        border of the United States and then released on pa-  
7        role, including—

8            (A) the number who were given a “notice  
9        to report” to a U.S. Immigration and Customs  
10       Enforcement office;

11          (B) the number who actually reported in  
12       compliance with such notice to report;

13          (C) the number who were given a “notice  
14       to appear” before an immigration judge; and

15          (D) the number who have prior criminal  
16       convictions or terms of imprisonment in the  
17       United States or outside of the United States;

18          (9) the total number of illegal aliens who were  
19       processed and released into the interior of the  
20       United States without participating in an alter-  
21       natives to detention program, such as using an ankle  
22       monitor or another tracking monitor; and

23          (10) the States and counties in which the De-  
24       partment of Homeland Security or the Department

1 of Health and Human Services has resettled illegal  
2 aliens since January 20, 2021.

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