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To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to enhance border security by disrupting the smuggling of United States-sourced firearms and related munitions across the land border with Mexico, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 14, 2023

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. TITUS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. NORTON, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. IVEY, Mr. RYAN, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, and Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California) 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 “Disarming Cartels
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENHANCING BORDER SECURITY BY DISRUPTING**
2 **THE SMUGGLING OF UNITED STATES-**
3 **SOURCED FIREARMS AND RELATED MUNI-**
4 **TIONS ACROSS THE LAND BORDER WITH**
5 **MEXICO.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
7 date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary of
8 Homeland Security shall enhance border security efforts
9 to disrupt the smuggling of United States-sourced fire-
10 arms and related munitions across the land border with
11 Mexico by taking the following actions:

12 (1) Increasing collaboration, including joint op-
13 erations, between U.S. Customs and Border Protec-
14 tion, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement,
15 and other appropriate Federal partners to identify,
16 target, disrupt, and dismantle transnational criminal
17 organizations responsible for exporting firearms and
18 related munitions from the United States to Mexico.

19 (2) Directing Homeland Security Investigations
20 of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to
21 establish a mechanism for sharing aggregated infor-
22 mation about the interdiction of firearms by law en-
23 forcement agents and officers of the Department in
24 the United States and the interdiction of United
25 States-sourced firearms in Mexico with Federal part-
26 ners.

1 (3) Expanding efforts within Homeland Secu-
2 rity Investigations of U.S. Immigration and Customs
3 Enforcement to collect information concerning fire-
4 arms recovered at crime scenes in Mexico and ana-
5 lyze such information for leads regarding United
6 States sources in order to disrupt cross-border fire-
7 arms smuggling.

8 (4) Enhancing Department of Homeland Secu-
9 rity coordination with appropriate Mexican Govern-
10 ment agencies to increase outbound inspections by
11 U.S. Customs and Border Protection on the land
12 border with Mexico.

13 (5) Establishing performance measures, in con-
14 sultation with appropriate Federal partners, for ef-
15 forts to disrupt the smuggling of United States-
16 sourced firearms across the land border with Mexico.

17 (b) REPORTING.—Not later than one year after the
18 date of the enactment of this section and annually there-
19 after, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit to
20 the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of
21 Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security
22 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report on the
23 implementation of subsection (a). Each such report shall
24 include information relating to the following:

1 (1) Ongoing, planned, and completed activities
2 related to such implementation.

3 (2) Descriptions of joint operations conducted
4 by Department of Homeland Security agencies with
5 Federal partners in accordance with paragraph (1)
6 of such subsection.

7 (3) Performance measures utilized in accord-
8 ance with paragraph (5) of such subsection.

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