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To require a homeland security southwest border threat assessment on Tren de Aragua and associated strategic plan, and for other purposes.

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Mr. LALOTA (for himself, Mr. CORREA, and Mr. D'ESPOSITO) 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 “Tren de Aragua South-
5 west Border Security Threat Assessment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. HOMELAND SECURITY SOUTHWEST BORDER**
7 **THREAT ASSESSMENT ON TREN DE ARAGUA;**
8 **STRATEGIC PLAN.**

9 (a) THREAT ASSESSMENT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
3 retary of Homeland Security, in consultation with
4 the intelligence community and the heads of other
5 relevant Federal departments or agencies as the Sec-
6 retary determines appropriate, shall submit to the
7 appropriate congressional committees a southwest
8 border threat assessment regarding Tren de Aragua
9 (in this section referred to as the “threat assess-
10 ment”).

11 (2) ELEMENTS.—The threat assessment shall
12 include the following:

13 (A) An identification of current and poten-
14 tial criminal threats posed by members of Tren
15 de Aragua and affiliates seeking to—

16 (i) unlawfully enter the United States
17 through the southwest border; or

18 (ii) exploit security vulnerabilities
19 along the southwest border.

20 (B) Descriptions of the following with re-
21 spect to Tren de Aragua:

22 (i) Origins.

23 (ii) Strategic aims.

24 (iii) Tactical methods.

25 (iv) Funding sources.

1 (v) Leadership structure.

2 (vi) Chronological growth and pres-
3 ence in the United States.

4 (C) Any other matters the Secretary of
5 Homeland Security considers appropriate.

6 (3) FORM.—The threat assessment shall be
7 submitted in unclassified form, but may include a
8 classified annex.

9 (b) STRATEGIC PLAN.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
11 after the submission of the threat assessment under
12 subsection (a), the Secretary of Homeland Security,
13 in consultation with the heads of other relevant Fed-
14 eral departments or agencies as the Secretary deter-
15 mines appropriate, shall submit to the appropriate
16 congressional committees a strategic plan (in this
17 subsection referred to as the “Strategic Plan”) relat-
18 ing to countering the threats identified in the threat
19 assessment, in accordance with paragraph (2).

20 (2) CONTENTS.—The Strategic Plan shall in-
21 clude, at a minimum, a consideration of the fol-
22 lowing:

23 (A) The threat assessment, with an em-
24 phasis on efforts to mitigate the criminal
25 threats from transnational criminal organiza-

1 tions, including the threats identified in the
2 threat assessment in accordance with subsection
3 (a)(2)(A).

4 (B) Efforts to analyze and disseminate
5 border security and border threat information
6 between Department of Homeland Security bor-
7 der security components with the following:

8 (i) Other appropriate Federal depart-
9 ments and agencies with missions associ-
10 ated with the border.

11 (ii) State, local, Tribal, and territorial
12 law enforcement agencies with jurisdictions
13 adjacent to the southwest border.

14 (C) Efforts to detect, interdict, and disrupt
15 transnational criminal organizations, including
16 Tren de Aragua.

17 (D) Efforts to prevent transnational crimi-
18 nal organizations, including Tren de Aragua,
19 from proliferating in the United States.

20 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
22 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
23 mittees” means—

24 (A) the Committee on Homeland Security
25 of the House of Representatives; and

1 (B) the Committee on Homeland Security
2 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate.

3 (2) INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.—The term
4 “intelligence community” has the meaning given
5 such term in section 3(4) of the National Security
6 Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003(4)).

7 (3) SOUTHWEST BORDER.—The term “south-
8 west border” means the land and maritime border
9 between the United States and Mexico.

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