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Condemning Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador’s statements
of political interference in United States elections.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CRENSHAW submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Condemning Mexican President Andrés Manuel López
Obrador’s statements of political interference in United
States elections.

Whereas foreign interference in another nation’s elections is
a violation of law and longstanding international customs,
including the United Nation’s Declaration on Principles
of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and
Cooperation among States in accordance with the Char-
ter of the United Nations (1970);

Whereas, according to article 3, chapter II of the Charter of
the Organization of American States, in which both the
United States and the Government of Mexico are mem-
bers, “Every State has the right to choose, without exter-
nal interference, its political, economic, and social system
and to organize itself in the way best suited to it, and

has the duty to abstain from intervening in the affairs of another State. Subject to the foregoing, the American States shall cooperate fully among themselves, independently of the nature of their political, economic, and social systems”;

Whereas, on March 9, 2023, President López Obrador stated that his government would “start an information campaign for Mexicans who live and work in the United States . . . and if they do not change their attitude and think that they are going to use Mexico for their propaganda, electoral, and political purposes, we are going to call for them not to vote for that party, because it is interventionist, inhumane, hypocritical, and corrupt”;

Whereas, on March 9, 2023, the Associated Press reported that President López Obrador “threatened to start a campaign in the United States asking Mexicans and Hispanics who live there not to vote for Republicans”;

Whereas, on March 9, 2023, the Los Angeles Times reported that President López Obrador “threatened to encourage U.S. Latino voters to oppose the GOP”;

Whereas, on March 10, 2023, the Washington Post reported that President López Obrador said that “he would ask Americans of Mexican and Hispanic origin not to vote for Republicans”;

Whereas, on March 10, 2023, Fox News reported that President López Obrador “threatened to launch an ‘information campaign’ in the U.S. against Republicans, telling Mexicans and Hispanics not to vote for them unless U.S. lawmakers change their treatment of Mexico—an apparent threat of election interference by the head of state in

response to U.S. calls for action against cartels smuggling fentanyl across the border”; and

Whereas, in July 2022, President López Obrador attacked the Governor of Texas, Greg Abbott, and expressed the intent to interfere in United States elections, stating, “[W]e’re going to ask our countrymen there that they don’t vote for that candidate or party”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) calls on Mexican President Andrés Manuel
3 López Obrador to fully and unequivocally retract his
4 statement made on March 9, 2023;

5 (2) calls on Mexican President López Obrador
6 to commit to noninterference in any election in the
7 United States;

8 (3) calls on Mexican President López Obrador
9 to take action to ensure that no ministry or instru-
10 mentality acting on behalf of the Mexican Govern-
11 ment takes any action to interfere with any election
12 within the United States;

13 (4) calls on the Department of State to monitor
14 the Mexican Government’s activities that may inter-
15 fere in Federal, State, or local elections in the
16 United States; and

17 (5) calls on President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., to
18 strongly denounce, condemn, and use the tools of

1 government to protect against all foreign inter-
2 ference.

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