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H. R. 5684

To require the Director for Homeland Security Investigations of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to conduct annual assessments on threats posed to the United States by transnational criminal organizations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PFLUGER (for himself and Ms. LEE of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Transnational Crimi-
5 nal Organization Threat Assessment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS ON THREATS POSED TO THE**
2 **UNITED STATES BY TRANSNATIONAL CRIMI-**
3 **NAL ORGANIZATIONS.**

4 (a) **REQUIREMENT.**—Not later than 180 days after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act and annually there-
6 after, the Director for Homeland Security Investigations
7 of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the De-
8 partment of Homeland Security, in consultation with the
9 Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection of
10 the Department, the Commandant of the United States
11 Coast Guard, and the heads of other relevant Federal de-
12 partments or agencies the Director determines appro-
13 priate, shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-
14 mittees assessments of threats posed to the United States
15 by transnational criminal organizations (TCOs).

16 (b) **CONTENTS.**—Each assessment under subsection
17 (a) shall address the following:

18 (1) The most significant TCOs active in and
19 outside of the United States, including along the
20 southwest and northern borders, and including the
21 organizational structure, characteristics, and areas
22 of influence within the United States of each such
23 TCO.

24 (2) The drug smuggling trends used by TCOs
25 to transport illicit drugs entering the United States,

1 including information on seizures, investigations,
2 and drug purity and potency levels.

3 (3) The role organized violent gangs have work-
4 ing with TCOs in domestic drug trafficking.

5 (4) The money laundering activities used by
6 TCOs to generate proceeds through the sale of illicit
7 drugs in the United States.

8 (5) Information about the most widely traf-
9 ficked drugs in the United States, including illicit
10 opioids, heroin, methamphetamine, and new
11 psychoactive substances, including regarding their
12 availability, consumption, and overdose related
13 deaths, production and cultivation, transportation,
14 and distribution.

15 (6) A predictive outlook regarding drug traf-
16 ficking and drug-related trends and activities by
17 TCOs.

18 (7) Any other matters the Director for Home-
19 land Security Investigations determines relevant.

20 (c) FORM.—Each assessment under subsection (a)
21 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include
22 a classified annex only for the protection of intelligence
23 sources and methods relating to the matters contained in
24 each such assessment. The Director for Homeland Secu-
25 rity Investigations shall post on a publicly available

1 website of Homeland Security Investigations the unclassi-
2 fied portion of each such assessment.

3 (d) BRIEFING.—

4 (1) BRIEFING.—The Director for Homeland Se-
5 curity Investigations shall annually brief the appro-
6 priate congressional committees regarding each as-
7 sessment under subsection (a). The head of any
8 other relevant Federal department or agency shall
9 accompany the Director for any such briefing if any
10 such committee, in consultation with the Director,
11 determines such is appropriate.

12 (e) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—

13 In this section, the term “appropriate congressional com-
14 mittees” means the Committee on Homeland Security and
15 the Committee on Judiciary of the House of Representa-
16 tives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
17 ernmental Affairs and the Committee on the Judiciary of
18 the Senate.

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