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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MARSHALL (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 “Drug Cartel Terrorist
5 Designation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN DRUG CAR-**
2 **TELS AS FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZA-**
3 **TIONS.**

4 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
5 gress that each of the drug cartels referred to in sub-
6 section (c) meets the criteria for designation as a foreign
7 terrorist organization under section 219 of the Immigra-
8 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189).

9 (b) DEFINED TERM.—In this section, the term “ap-
10 propriate committees of Congress” means—

11 (1) the Committee on Armed Services of the
12 Senate;

13 (2) the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
14 Urban Affairs of the Senate;

15 (3) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
16 Senate;

17 (4) the Committee on the Judiciary of the Sen-
18 ate;

19 (5) the Committee on Homeland Security and
20 Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

21 (6) the Select Committee on Intelligence of the
22 Senate;

23 (7) the Committee on Armed Services of the
24 House of Representatives;

25 (8) the Committee on Financial Services of the
26 House of Representatives;

1 (9) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
2 House of Representatives;

3 (10) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
4 House of Representatives;

5 (11) the Committee on Homeland Security of
6 the House of Representatives; and

7 (12) the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-
8 ligence of the House of Representatives.

9 (c) DESIGNATION.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall
11 designate each of the following Mexican drug cartels
12 as a foreign terrorist organization under section
13 219(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
14 U.S.C. 1189(a)):

15 (A) The Reynosa/Los Metros faction of the
16 Gulf Cartel.

17 (B) The Cartel Del Noreste faction of Los
18 Zetas.

19 (C) The Jalisco New Generation Cartel.

20 (D) The Sinaloa Cartel.

21 (2) ADDITIONAL CARTELS.—The Secretary of
22 State shall designate any Mexican drug cartel, or
23 any faction of such a cartel, as a foreign terrorist
24 organization if such cartel or faction meets the cri-
25 teria described in such section 219(a).

1 (d) REPORT.—

2 (1) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 30
3 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
4 Secretary of State, in consultation with the Director
5 of National Intelligence, shall submit a detailed re-
6 port to the appropriate committees of Congress re-
7 garding—

8 (A) each of the drug cartels referred to in
9 subsection (c)(1) that describes the criteria jus-
10 tifying their designations as foreign terrorist or-
11 ganizations under section 219(a) of the Immi-
12 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189(a));
13 and

14 (B) all other Mexican drug cartels, or fac-
15 tions of cartels, that the Secretary determines
16 pursuant to subsection (c)(2) meet the criteria
17 for designation as foreign terrorist organiza-
18 tions under such section 219(a), including the
19 specific criteria justifying each such designa-
20 tion.

21 (2) FORM.—The report required under para-
22 graph (1)—

23 (A) shall be submitted in unclassified form,
24 but may include a classified annex;

1 (B) shall be made available only in elec-
2 tronic form; and

3 (C) may not be printed, except upon a re-
4 quest for a printed copy from a congressional
5 office.

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