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118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To require a comprehensive southern border strategy, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. KIM of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

To require a comprehensive southern border strategy, and
for other purposes.

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 “Comprehensive South-
5 ern Border Strategy Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMPREHENSIVE SOUTHERN BORDER STRATEGY.**

7 (a) COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY.—

8 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 12 months
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-

1 retary of Homeland Security shall submit to the
2 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of
3 Representatives and the Committee on Homeland
4 Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a
5 comprehensive southern border strategy.

6 (2) CONTENTS.—The strategy submitted under
7 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

8 (A) A comprehensive overview of the cur-
9 rent security risks present along the southern
10 border, including relating to deficiencies along
11 the physical border, aerial and maritime
12 vulnerabilities, and the presence of illegal tun-
13 neling.

14 (B) A substantive review of the Depart-
15 ment of Homeland Security's technology, tools,
16 or other devices used to combat the trafficking
17 of drugs across the southern border, with an
18 emphasis on fentanyl and related substances.

19 (C) A thorough outline of the Depart-
20 ment's technology, tools, or other devices used
21 to combat human trafficking across the south-
22 ern border by international criminal organiza-
23 tions.

24 (D) A list of known physical barriers, tech-
25 nologies, tools, and other devices that can be

1 used to achieve and maintain situational aware-
2 ness and operational control along the southern
3 border.

4 (E) A projected per mile cost estimate for
5 each physical barrier, technology, tool, and
6 other device included on the list required under
7 subparagraph (B).

8 (F) A detailed account of which type of
9 physical barrier, technology, tool, or other de-
10 vice the Department of Homeland Security be-
11 lieves is necessary to achieve and maintain situ-
12 ational awareness and operational control for
13 each linear mile of the southern border.

14 (G) An explanation for why such physical
15 barrier, technology, tool, or other device was
16 chosen to achieve and maintain situational
17 awareness and operational control for each lin-
18 ear mile of the southern border, including the
19 following:

20 (i) The methodology used to deter-
21 mine which type of physical barrier, tech-
22 nology, tool, or other device was chosen for
23 such linear mile.

1 (ii) An examination of existing man-
2 made and natural barriers for each linear
3 mile of the southern border.

4 (iii) The information collected and
5 evaluated from the following:

6 (I) The appropriate U.S. Cus-
7 toms and Border Protection Sector
8 Chief.

9 (II) The appropriate State Gov-
10 ernor.

11 (III) Local law enforcement offi-
12 cials.

13 (IV) Private property owners.

14 (V) Other affected stakeholders.

15 (H) A per mile cost calculation for each
16 linear mile of the southern border given the
17 type of physical barrier, technology, tool, or
18 other device chosen to achieve and maintain
19 operational control for each linear mile.

20 (I) A cost justification for each time a
21 more expensive physical barrier, technology,
22 tool, or other device is chosen over a less expen-
23 sive option, as established by the per mile cost
24 estimates required in subparagraph (B).

25 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) OPERATIONAL CONTROL.—The term “oper-
2 ational control” has the meaning given such term in
3 section 2(b) of the Secure Fence Act of 2006 (8
4 U.S.C. 1701 note; Public Law 109–367).

5 (2) SITUATIONAL AWARENESS.—The term “sit-
6 uational awareness” has the meaning given the term
7 in section 1092(a)(7) of the National Defense Au-
8 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law
9 114–328).