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To require a report on the efforts of the United States Government to increase border security.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. GIFFORDS (for herself and [see ATTACHED LIST of cosponsors]) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

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 “Border Security Ac-
5 countability Act of 2008”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON INCREASED BORDER SECURITY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act and every 90 days there-

1 after, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit to
2 the appropriate congressional committees a report on the
3 efforts of the United States Government to increase bor-
4 der security.

5 (b) CONTENTS.—The report required by subsection
6 (a) shall outline—

7 (1) all presidential directives, programs, and
8 strategies for carrying out and increasing United
9 States Government efforts to increase border secu-
10 rity;

11 (2) the goals and objectives of each of these ef-
12 forts;

13 (3) the progress made in each of these efforts;

14 (4) the projected timelines for each of these ef-
15 forts to become fully functional and effective;

16 (5) the expenditures made in conjunction with
17 each of these efforts;

18 (6) the apprehension, detention, and deporta-
19 tion process and rates, including the exact distance
20 apprehensions take place from the border and the
21 release rates for those apprehensions;

22 (7) an assessment of the threats posed by ter-
23 rorists, terrorist groups, and criminal organizations
24 that may try to infiltrate the United States at loca-

1 tions along the international land and maritime bor-
2 ders of the United States;

3 (8) an assessment of staffing needs for all bor-
4 der security functions, taking into account threat
5 and vulnerability information pertaining to the bor-
6 ders and the impact of new security programs, poli-
7 cies, and technologies; and

8 (9) an assessment of training for all border se-
9 curity functions, taking into account new security
10 programs, policies, technologies, and challenges and
11 threats unique to the region or terrain where train-
12 ees will be assigned.

13 (c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “appro-
14 priate congressional committees” means—

15 (1) the Committee on Homeland Security and
16 the Committee on Appropriations of the House of
17 Representatives; and

18 (2) the Committee on Homeland Security and
19 Governmental Affairs and the Committee on Appro-
20 priations of the Senate.