

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—118th Cong., 2d Sess.**

**S. 5315**

To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to enhance border security by seeking to expand partnerships with appropriate law enforcement entities in Mexico and Central American and South American countries to combat human smuggling and trafficking operations in Mexico and such countries, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and  
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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended  
to be proposed by Mr. PETERS

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-  
2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Cooperation on Com-  
5 bating Human Smuggling and Trafficking Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY PARTNER-**  
7 **SHIPS TO COMBAT HUMAN SMUGGLING AND**  
8 **TRAFFICKING.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
10 rity, in coordination with appropriate Federal partners,

1 shall combat human smuggling and trafficking by seeking  
2 to expand partnerships with appropriate law enforcement  
3 entities in Mexico and Central American and South Amer-  
4 ican countries, including by—

5           (1) establishing or expanding cross-border  
6 transnational criminal investigative units to identify,  
7 disrupt, and support the prosecution of human  
8 smuggling and trafficking operations;

9           (2) enhancing participation in the Bilateral  
10 Human Trafficking Enforcement Initiative or a suc-  
11 cessor initiative; and

12           (3) providing advanced training for certain in-  
13 vestigators and prosecutors from Mexico and such  
14 countries, including training on civil rights, civil lib-  
15 erties, and privacy protections.

16       (b) INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF HUMAN  
17 SMUGGLING AND TRAFFICKING.—The Secretary of  
18 Homeland Security shall evaluate and report to the Com-  
19 mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
20 of the Senate and the Committee on Homeland Security  
21 of the House of Representatives regarding the potential  
22 for the expansion of collaborative programs involving  
23 Homeland Security Investigations that are aimed at sup-  
24 porting the investigation and prosecution of human smug-  
25 glers and traffickers that pose border security threats and

1 operate at the southern land border of the United States,  
2 including the continuation and expansion of anti-trafficking  
3 coordination teams.

4 (c) INFORMATION CAMPAIGN TO DETERMINE MIGRATION.—  
5 TION.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland  
7 Security shall carry out targeted public information  
8 campaigns—

9 (A) to inform targeted migrant populations  
10 within Mexico, Central America, South America,  
11 and certain other countries with high migration  
12 rates regarding the dangers of travel  
13 across Mexico to the United States; and

14 (B) to combat misinformation and  
15 disinformation by transnational criminal organizations  
16 and other nefarious actors regarding  
17 United States laws or policies.

18 (2) SPECIFICATIONS.—The information campaigns  
19 implemented pursuant to paragraph (1) shall,  
20 to the greatest extent possible—

21 (A) be targeted at populations and localities  
22 with high migration rates;

23 (B) employ a variety of communications  
24 media; and

1           (C) be developed in consultation with ap-  
2           propriate program officials of the Department  
3           of State and, as appropriate, Mexican, Central  
4           American, South American, and other appro-  
5           priate foreign governments, nonprofit or aca-  
6           demic entities, and representatives acting on be-  
7           half of targeted migrant populations, including  
8           repatriated migrants.

9           (d) REPORT ON EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS.—Not  
10          later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this  
11          Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall—

12               (1) conduct a study that—

13                       (A) assesses the effectiveness of public in-  
14                       formation campaigns that have been imple-  
15                       mented by the Department of Homeland Secu-  
16                       rity to carry out the objectives set forth in sub-  
17                       section (c)(1); and

18                       (B) identifies the best practices with re-  
19                       spect to such campaigns; and

20               (2) submit a report containing the findings of  
21          such study to the Committee on Homeland Security  
22          and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the  
23          Committee on Homeland Security of the House of  
24          Representatives.