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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy on efforts to strengthen subnational cooperation between the United States and Mexico, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. STANTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “American Cooperation  
5       with Our Neighbors Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. SUBNATIONAL COOPERATION STRATEGY.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270 days after the  
8       date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,

1 in coordination with the Administrator of the United  
2 States Agency for International Development, shall submit  
3 to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-  
4 resentatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
5 the Senate a strategy on efforts to strengthen subnational  
6 cooperation between the United States and Mexico for the  
7 purposes of—

8 (1) enhancing law enforcement cooperation and  
9 local, State, and Federal security forces cooperation  
10 at a subnational level for the purpose of curbing  
11 fentanyl trafficking and other synthetic opioids, in-  
12 cluding activities such as—

13 (A) bolstering technical assistance and co-  
14 ordination for law enforcement agencies and  
15 local, State, and Federal security forces;

16 (B) carrying out exchange programs for  
17 the purposes of professional development; and

18 (C) enhancing data sharing, as appro-  
19 priate;

20 (2) bolstering subnational dialogue and capacity  
21 building between Federal and local governments,  
22 civil society, faith-based organizations, and business  
23 community leaders and integrating issues faced by  
24 local communities, including with respect to traf-  
25 ficking of fentanyl and other synthetic opioids; and

1           (3) strengthening capacity building and provide  
2           resources for border towns and organizations within  
3           those towns that attempt to meet the needs of com-  
4           munities.

5           (b) UPDATE.—Not later than 2 years after the date  
6           of the submission of the strategy under subsection (a), the  
7           President shall submit to the congressional committees  
8           specified in subsection (a) an update containing an assess-  
9           ment of the implementation and effectiveness of the strat-  
10          egy, lessons learned from the past year with respect to  
11          the strategy, and planned changes to the strategy.

12          (c) FORM.—The strategy under subsection (a), and  
13          the update under subsection (b), shall be submitted in un-  
14          classified form.

15          (d) LIMITATION ON DATA SHARING.—

16               (1) LIMITATION.—The Secretary of State may  
17               not carry out any project, program, or activity that  
18               implements the strategy under subsection (a) for the  
19               purpose specified in paragraph (1)(C) of such sub-  
20               section until the Secretary submits to the appro-  
21               priate congressional committees a notification re-  
22               garding the data intended to be shared with foreign  
23               countries pursuant to such strategy.

1           (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
2       TEES.—In this subsection, the term “appropriate  
3       congressional committees” means—

4           (A) the Committee on the Judiciary, the  
5       Committee on Homeland Security, the Com-  
6       mittee on Foreign Affairs, and the Permanent  
7       Select Committee on Intelligence of the House  
8       of Representatives; and

9           (B) the Committee on the Judiciary, the  
10      Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-  
11      mental Affairs, the Committee on Foreign Rela-  
12      tions, and the Select Committee on Intelligence  
13      of the Senate.

14   **SEC. 3. DEPARTMENT OF STATE REVIEW OF ACCESS TO FI-**  
15                   **NANCE IN CARICOM MEMBER STATES.**

16      (a) REVIEW.—The Secretary of State, in consultation  
17   with the Secretary of Treasury, shall conduct a review to  
18   determine any steps, balancing costs and benefits, that the  
19   Secretaries could take to expand financial access to the  
20   member states of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM),  
21   including through a review of—

22           (1) sanctions enforcement laws and compliance  
23      standards;

24           (2) reporting requirements pertaining to nar-  
25      cotics trafficking and illicit finance thereof;

1           (3) possible expansion of embassies and con-  
2           sulates in the region; and

3           (4) programming or lack thereof pertaining to  
4           access to capital in the region.

5           (b) REPORT.—The Secretary shall submit to the ap-  
6           propriate congressional committees a report on the find-  
7           ings of the Secretary pertaining to the review under sub-  
8           section (a).

9           (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-  
10          FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-  
11          sional committees” means—

12           (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the  
13           Committee on Financial Services of the House of  
14           Representatives; and

15           (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and  
16           the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Af-  
17           fairs of the Senate.