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At the end of subtitle G of title X, insert the following:

SEC. 10. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SUPPORT FOR CIVIL AUTHORITIES TO ADDRESS THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION CRISIS AT THE SOUTHWEST BORDER.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The Department of Defense has provided critical support to U.S. Customs and Border Protection along the southwest border.

(2) The presence of the Department of Defense along the southwest border has assisted U.S. Customs and Border Protection in deterring illegal crossings at the southwest border.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) Department of Defense personnel have provided outstanding support to U.S. Customs and Border Protection along the southwest border; and
(2) the Support of Civil Authority Mission of the Department has significantly contributed to mitigating the effects of the security challenges along the southwest border of the United States.

(c) QUARTERLY BRIEFINGS.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 90 days thereafter through December 31, 2024, the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy shall provide to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives an unclassified briefing, with a classified component, if necessary, regarding—

(1) Department of Defense planning to address current and anticipated border support mission requirements as part of the annual planning, programming, budgeting, and execution process of the Department;

(2) the security situation along the southwest border of the United States;

(3) any Department of Defense efforts, or updates to existing efforts, to cooperate with Mexico with respect to border security;

(4) the type of support that is currently being provided by the Department of Defense along the southwest border of the United States;
(5) the effect of such efforts and support on National Guard readiness;
(6) how a change in Department of Defense policy would affect the ability of the Department to provide such support; and
(7) any recommendations for whether the southwest border mission of the Department of Defense should be expanded to respond to the security situation referred to in paragraph (2).