AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1540, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. CUellar OF TEXAS

Page 431, line 13, strike “Counter-Drug Activities” and insert “Counter-Drug Activities and Counter Transnational Criminal Activities”.

At the end of subtitle B of title X (page 434, after line 7), add the following new section:

SEC. 1015. MITIGATION OF NATIONAL SECURITY THREATS ALONG THE BORDER OF THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO.

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

(1) the Secretary of Defense should continue to increase intelligence and technology sharing information and capability with the Secretary of Homeland Security and other agencies to mitigate national security threats along the international border between the United States and Mexico, including threats of infiltration and border breaches by transnational criminal organizations; and
(2) the Secretary of Defense should strongly consider operationally testing, along the international border between the United States and Mexico, emerging technology capabilities developed for the purposes of detection, intelligence, and surveillance.

(b) CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall brief the congressional defense committees on the effectiveness of the ongoing collaborative programs with the Government of Mexico intended to strengthen the capability of Mexican forces to detect and deter infiltration of the United States border and other national security threats by transnational crime organizations.