AMENDMENT TO DIVISION E OF THE RULES

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At the end of division E (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. ___. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to plan, develop, or construct any physical barriers, including walls or fences, along the United States-Mexico border until the Secretary of Homeland Security submits a comprehensive border security strategy to the Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate. The strategy shall include the following:

(1) An exhaustive list of known physical barriers, technologies, tools, and other devices that can be used to achieve and maintain operational control (as such term is defined in section 2(b) of the Secure Fence Act of 2006 (8 U.S.C.1701 note; Public Law 109–367)) along the United States-Mexico border.
(2) A per mile cost estimate for each physical barrier, technology, tool, and other device included on the exhaustive listed required under paragraph (1).

(3) A detailed account of which type of physical barrier, technology, tool, or other device will be used to achieve and maintain operational control for each linear mile of the United States-Mexico border.

(4) An explanation for why such physical barrier, technology, tool, or other device was chosen to achieve and maintain operational control for each linear mile of the United States-Mexico border, including the following:

(A) The methodology used to determine which type of physical barrier, technology, tool, or other device was chosen for such linear mile.

(B) An examination of existing manmade and natural barriers for each linear mile of the United States-Mexico border.

(C) The information collected and evaluated from the following persons or entities:

   (i) The appropriate U.S. Customs and Border Protection Sector Chief.

   (ii) The Joint Task Force commander.
(iii) The appropriate state Governor.

(iv) Local law enforcement officials.

(v) Private property owners.

(vi) Other affected stakeholders.

(5) A per mile cost estimate for each linear mile of the United States-Mexico border given the type of physical barrier, technology, tool, or other device chosen to achieve and maintain operational control for each linear mile.

(6) A cost justification for each time a more expensive physical barrier, technology, tool, or other device is chosen over a less expensive option, as established by the per mile cost estimates required in paragraph (2).