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Add at the end of subtitle C of title XVII the following:

1 **SEC. 1748. SUBMISSION OF REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE**
2 **ALONG THE SOUTHERN BORDER.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall make every effort to submit to the Secretary of
4 Defense a request for assistance for personnel or capabilities
5 along the southern border of the United States not
6 later than 250 days before the requested deployment of
7 such personnel or capabilities.

9 (b) CONTENTS.—A request for assistance submitted
10 in accordance with subsection (a) shall specify the capabilities
11 necessary to assist the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border
12 Protection in fulfilling the relevant mission along the
13 southern border, rather than specifying the requested
14 number of troops.

16 (c) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Homeland Security,
17 with the concurrence of the Secretary of Defense, may
18 waive the 250 day period referred to in subsection (a) if
19 the Secretary of Homeland Security—

1 (1) determines that doing so is in the national
2 security interest of the United States due to exigent
3 circumstances; and

4 (2) notifies and provides reasoning for request-
5 ing a waiver to the congressional defense commit-
6 tees, the Committee on Homeland Security of the
7 House of Representatives and the Committee on
8 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the
9 Senate not later than 24 hours after such request.

