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H. R. 1270

To direct the Secretary of State to designate as foreign terrorist organizations certain Mexican drug cartels, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McCAUL (for himself and Mr. KING of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) The Office of Counterterrorism of the De-
6 partment of State has stated, “FTO designations
7 play a critical role in our fight against terrorism and
8 are an effective means of curtailing support for ter-
9 rorist activities and pressuring groups to get out of
10 the terrorism business.”.

1 (2) Foreign drug cartels have used brutal tac-
2 tics of violence and the threat of violence against
3 United States citizens to protect and expand their
4 drug trade and as well as their areas of operation.
5 In September 2010, American David Hartley was
6 shot by the Mexican drug cartel, the Zetas, while jet
7 skiing, because he unknowingly came too close to
8 their avenues for drug smuggling across Falcon
9 Lake in Texas. In February 2011, Special Agent
10 Jaime Zapata, an Immigrations and Customs Agent,
11 was murdered by the Zetas while on duty in Mexico.
12 These are only two cases of many where American
13 lives have been lost or threatened due to the actions
14 of drug cartels.

15 (3) When Americans at home and abroad, in-
16 cluding agents assigned to protect United States
17 borders and national security, are targeted, threat-
18 ened, and attacked by such foreign entities, it serves
19 a continual threat to the safety and security of the
20 United States and its people.

21 (4) The Mexican drug cartels meet all of the
22 legal criteria for designation as foreign terrorist or-
23 ganizations under section 219 of the Immigration
24 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189):

1 (A) The organizations are foreign organi-
2 zations.

3 (B) The organizations engage in terrorist
4 activity (as defined in section 212(a)(3)(B) of
5 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
6 1182(a)(3)(B)) or terrorism (as defined in sec-
7 tion 140(d)(2) of the Foreign Relations Author-
8 ization Act, Fiscal Years 1988 and 1989 (22
9 U.S.C. 2656f(d)(2)), or retain the capability
10 and intent to engage in terrorist activity or ter-
11 rorism).

12 (C) The terrorist activity or terrorism of
13 the organizations threatens the security of
14 United States nationals or the national security
15 of the United States.

16 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION.**

17 The Secretary of State shall designate under section
18 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
19 1189) as a foreign terrorist organization the following:

- 20 (1) The Arellano Feliz Organization.
- 21 (2) The Los Zetas Cartel.
- 22 (3) The Beltran Leyva Organization.
- 23 (4) La Familia Michoacana.
- 24 (5) The Sinaloa Cartel.

1 (6) The Gulf Cartel/New Federation.

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