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To increase the number of U.S. Customs and Border Protection Office of Field Operations officers and support staff and to require reports that identify staffing, infrastructure, and equipment needed to enhance security at ports of entry.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself, Mr. TESTER, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Ms. HARRIS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Border and Port Secu-
5 rity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTEC-**
2 **TION PERSONNEL.**

3 (a) OFFICERS.—The Commissioner of U.S. Customs
4 and Border Protection shall hire, train, and assign not
5 fewer than 500 new Office of Field Operations officers
6 above the current authorized level every fiscal year until
7 the total number of Office of Field Operations officers
8 equals the requirements identified each year in the Work-
9 load Staffing Model.

10 (b) SUPPORT STAFF.—The Commissioner is author-
11 ized to hire, train, and assign support staff, including
12 technicians, to perform non-law enforcement administra-
13 tive functions to support the new Office of Field Oper-
14 ations officers hired pursuant to subsection (a).

15 (c) TRAFFIC FORECASTS.—In calculating the number
16 of Office of Field Operations officers needed at each port
17 of entry through the Workload Staffing Model, the Office
18 of Field Operations shall—

19 (1) rely on data collected regarding the inspec-
20 tions and other activities conducted at each such
21 port of entry; and

22 (2) consider volume from seasonal surges, other
23 projected changes in commercial and passenger vol-
24 umes, the most current commercial forecasts, and
25 other relevant information.

1 (d) REPORT ON WORKLOAD STAFFING MODEL UP-
2 DATES.—As part of the Annual Report on Staffing re-
3 quired under section 411(g)(5)(A) of the Homeland Secu-
4 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 211(g)(5)(A)), the Commis-
5 sioner shall include information concerning the progress
6 made toward meeting Office of Field Operations officer
7 and support staff hiring targets, while accounting for at-
8 trition.

9 (e) GAO REPORT.—If the Commissioner does not
10 hire the 500 additional Office of Field Operations officers
11 authorized under subsection (a) in fiscal year 2020, or in
12 any subsequent fiscal year in which the hiring require-
13 ments set forth in the Workload Staffing Model have not
14 been achieved, the Comptroller General of the United
15 States shall—

16 (1) conduct a review of U.S. Customs and Bor-
17 der Protection hiring practices to determine the rea-
18 sons that such requirements were not achieved and
19 other issues related to hiring by U.S. Customs and
20 Border Protection; and

21 (2) submit a report to the Committee on Home-
22 land Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-
23 ate and the Committee on Homeland Security of the
24 House of Representatives that describes the results
25 of the review conducted under paragraph (1).

1 **SEC. 3. PORTS OF ENTRY INFRASTRUCTURE ENHANCE-**
2 **MENT REPORT.**

3 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
4 ment of this Act, the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and
5 Border Protection shall submit a report to the Committee
6 on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the
7 Senate and the Committee on Homeland Security of the
8 House of Representatives that identifies—

9 (1) infrastructure improvements at ports of
10 entry that would enhance the ability of Office of
11 Field Operations officers to interdict opioids and
12 other drugs that are being illegally transported into
13 the United States, including a description of cir-
14 cumstances at specific ports of entry that prevent
15 the implementation of technology used at other ports
16 of entry;

17 (2) detection equipment that would improve the
18 ability of such Office of Field Operations officers to
19 identify opioids, including precursors and deriva-
20 tives, that are being illegally transported into the
21 United States; and

22 (3) safety equipment that would protect such
23 Office of Field Operations officers from accidental
24 exposure to such drugs or other dangers associated
25 with the inspection of potential drug traffickers.

1 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
3 this Act \$69,520,000 for each of the fiscal years 2018
4 through 2024.