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H. R. 7311

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance the operations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection in foreign countries, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GUEST (for himself and Mr. McCAUL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Combatting Inter-
5 national Drug Trafficking and Human Smuggling Part-
6 nership Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENHANCING THE OPERATIONS OF U.S. CUSTOMS**
2 **AND BORDER PROTECTION IN FOREIGN**
3 **COUNTRIES.**

4 Section 411(f) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
5 (6 U.S.C. 211(f)) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-
7 graph (5); and

8 (2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
9 lowing new paragraph:

10 “(4) PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Employees of U.S.
12 Customs and Border Protection and other cus-
13 toms officers designated in accordance with the
14 authorities granted to officers and agents of Air
15 and Marine Operations may provide the support
16 described in subparagraph (B) to authorities of
17 the government of a foreign country, including
18 by conducting joint operations with appropriate
19 government officials within the territory of such
20 country, if an arrangement has been entered
21 into between the Government of the United
22 States and the government of such country that
23 permits such support by such employees and of-
24 ficers.

1 “(B) SUPPORT DESCRIBED.—The support
2 described in this subparagraph is support for
3 the following:

4 “(i) The monitoring, locating, track-
5 ing, and deterrence of the following:

6 “(I) Illegal drugs to the United
7 States.

8 “(II) The illicit smuggling of per-
9 sons and goods into the United
10 States.

11 “(III) Terrorist threats to the
12 United States.

13 “(IV) Other threats to the secu-
14 rity or economy of the United States.

15 “(ii) Emergency humanitarian efforts.

16 “(iii) Law enforcement capacity-build-
17 ing efforts.

18 “(C) PAYMENT OF CLAIMS.—The Sec-
19 retary may expend funds, which have been ap-
20 propriated or otherwise made available to U.S.
21 Customs and Border Protection for operations
22 and support, to pay claims for money damages
23 against the United States, in accordance with
24 the first paragraph of section 2672 of title 28,
25 United States Code, which arise in a foreign

1 country in connection with U.S. Customs and
2 Border Protection operations in such country.”.

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