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Purpose: To include front line personnel in the Department of Homeland Security Border Oversight Task Force.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN (FOR
Viz: **HIMSELF, AND MR. JOHNSON OF WISCONSIN**)

1 Beginning on page 922, strike line 1 and all that fol-
2 lows through page 927, line 7, and insert the following:

3 **SEC. 1113. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BOR-**
4 **DER OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is established an inde-
7 pendent task force, which shall be known as the De-
8 partment of Homeland Security Border Oversight
9 Task Force (referred to in this section as the DHS
10 Task Force).

11 (2) DUTIES.—The DHS Task Force shall—

1 (A) review and make recommendations re-
2 garding immigration and border enforcement
3 policies, strategies, and programs that take into
4 consideration their impact on border commu-
5 nities;

6 (B) recommend ways in which the Border
7 Communities Liaison Offices can strengthen re-
8 lations and collaboration between communities
9 in the border regions and the Department, the
10 Department of Justice, and other Federal agen-
11 cies that carry out such policies, strategies, and
12 programs;

13 (C) evaluate how the policies, strategies,
14 and programs of Federal agencies operating
15 along the international borders between the
16 United States and Mexico and between the
17 United States and Canada protect the due proc-
18 ess, civil, and human rights of border residents,
19 visitors, and migrants at and near such borders;
20 and

21 (D) evaluate and make recommendations
22 regarding the training of border enforcement
23 personnel described in section 1112.

24 (3) MEMBERSHIP.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The DHS Task Force
2 shall be composed of 35 members, appointed by
3 the President, who have expertise in enforcing
4 Federal immigration laws, migration, local
5 crime indices, civil and human rights, commu-
6 nity relations, cross-border trade and com-
7 merce, quality of life indicators, or other perti-
8 nent experience, of whom—

9 (i) 15 members shall be from the
10 Northern border region and shall include—

11 (I) 2 local government elected of-
12 ficials;

13 (II) 2 local law enforcement offi-
14 cials;

15 (III) 2 civil rights advocates;

16 (IV) 1 business representative;

17 (V) 1 higher education represent-
18 ative;

19 (VI) 1 private land owner rep-
20 resentative;

21 (VII) 1 representative of a faith
22 community; and

23 (VIII) 2 representatives of U.S.
24 Border Patrol;

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1 (IX) 1 representative of U.S. Im-
2 migration and Customs Enforcement;

3 (X) 1 representative of U.S. Cus-
4 toms and Border Protection; and

5 (XI) 1 representative of U.S.
6 Citizenship and Immigration Services;
7 and

8 (ii) 20 members shall be from the
9 Southern border region and shall include—

10 (I) 3 local government elected of-
11 ficials;

12 (II) 3 local law enforcement offi-
13 cials;

14 (III) 3 civil rights advocates;

15 (IV) 2 business representatives;

16 (V) 1 higher education represent-
17 ative;

18 (VI) 2 private land owner rep-
19 resentatives;

20 (VII) 1 representative of a faith
21 community;

22 (VIII) 2 representatives of U.S.
23 Border Patrol;

24 (IX) 1 representative of U.S. Im-
25 migration and Customs Enforcement;

1 (X) 1 representative of U.S. Cus-
2 toms and Border Protection; and

3 (XI) 1 representative of U.S.
4 Citizenship and Immigration Services.

5 (B) TERM OF SERVICE.—Members of the
6 DHS Task Force described in subclauses (VIII)
7 through (XI) of clause (i) and subclauses (VIII)
8 through (XI) of clause (ii) shall be selected by
9 a vote of their peers. All members of the DHS
10 Task Force shall be appointed for the shorter
11 of—

12 (i) 3 years; or

13 (ii) the life of the DHS Task Force.

14 (C) CHAIR, VICE CHAIR.—The members of
15 the DHS Task Force shall elect a Chair and a
16 Vice Chair from among its members, who shall
17 serve in such capacities for the life of the DHS
18 Task Force or until removed by the majority
19 vote of at least 14 members.

20 (b) OPERATIONS.—

21 (1) HEARINGS.—The DHS Task Force may,
22 for the purpose of carrying out its duties, hold hear-
23 ings, sit and act, take testimony, receive evidence,
24 and administer oaths.

1 (2) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The DHS Task
2 Force may make findings or recommendations to the
3 Secretary related to the duties described in sub-
4 section (a)(2).

5 (3) RESPONSE.—Not later than 180 days after
6 receiving the findings and recommendations from
7 the DHS Task Force under paragraph (2), the Sec-
8 retary shall issue a response that describes how the
9 Department has addressed, or will address, such
10 findings and recommendations. If the Secretary dis-
11 agrees with any finding of the DHS Task Force, the
12 Secretary shall provide an explanation for the dis-
13 agreement.

14 (4) INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.—
15 The Chair, or 16 members of the DHS Task Force,
16 may request statistics relating to the duties de-
17 scribed in subsection (a)(2) directly from any Fed-
18 eral agency, which shall, to the extent authorized by
19 law, furnish such information, suggestions, esti-
20 mates, and statistics directly to the DHS Task
21 Force.

22 (5) COMPENSATION.—Members of the DHS
23 Task Force shall serve without pay, but shall be re-
24 imbursed for reasonable travel and subsistence ex-
25 penses incurred in the performance of their duties.

1 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after its first
2 meeting, the DHS Task Force shall submit a final report
3 to the President, Congress, and the Secretary that con-
4 tains—

5 (1) findings with respect to the duties of the
6 DHS Task Force; and

7 (2) recommendations regarding border and im-
8 migration enforcement policies, strategies, and pro-
9 grams, including—

10 (A) a recommendation as to whether the
11 DHS Task Force should continue to operate;
12 and

13 (B) a description of any duties for which
14 the DHS Task Force should be responsible
15 after the termination date described in sub-
16 section (e).

17 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
18 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
19 necessary to carry out this section for each of the fiscal
20 years 2014 through 2017.

21 (e) SUNSET.—The DHS Task Force shall terminate
22 operations 60 days after the date on which the DHS Task
23 Force submits the report described in subsection (c).