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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the failure of Mexico to cooperate with the United States in controlling the transport of illegal drugs and controlled substances and the denial of certain assistance to Mexico as a result of that failure.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MILLER of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, 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 Mexico is one of the most significant source countries
4 for the transport of narcotic and psychotropic drugs and
5 other controlled substances into the United States;

1 The Drug Enforcement Administration estimates
2 that at least 75 percent of all cocaine available in the
3 United States travels through Mexico;

4 Various United States drug enforcement agencies
5 have estimated that 70 percent to 80 percent of all for-
6 eign-grown marijuana in the United States originates in
7 Mexico;

8 According to the United States Customs Service, 69.5
9 percent of the individuals arrested for drug smuggling at
10 border stations in the United States are Mexican nation-
11 als;

12 The Drug Enforcement Administration has stated
13 that drug smugglers have been flying airplanes into Mex-
14 ico carrying 10 to 20 tons of cocaine per flight, which air-
15 planes then return to Colombia carrying \$20,000,000 to
16 \$30,000,000 of United States currency;

17 Mexico has failed to prevent or punish the laundering
18 of drug-related profits or drug-related moneys in Mexico;

19 Mexico has failed to prevent or punish adequately
20 bribery and other forms of public corruption which facili-
21 tate the production, processing, and shipment of narcotic
22 and psychotropic drugs and other controlled substances
23 into the United States or which discourage the investiga-
24 tion and prosecution of such activities;

1 The continued, large-scale transportation of narcotic
2 and psychotropic drugs and other controlled substances
3 from Mexico into the United States is very detrimental
4 to the vital national interests of the United States;

5 Not later than March 1, 1996, the President must
6 determine and report to Congress pursuant to section
7 490A(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
8 2291k(b)) whether Mexico has taken sufficient steps to
9 combat international narcotics trafficking.

10 SECTION 1. The President should not make the fol-
11 lowing certifications pursuant to section 490A(b)(1) of the
12 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2291k(b)(1)):

13 (a) That Mexico has cooperated fully with the
14 United States in controlling narcotic and psycho-
15 tropic drugs and other controlled substances, and ac-
16 tivities relating to such drugs and substances, as set
17 forth in subparagraph (A) of that section.

18 (b) That vital national interests of the United
19 States require United States assistance to Mexico or
20 multilateral development bank assistance for Mexico.

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