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To prohibit the Secretary of Transportation from granting authority to a motor carrier domiciled in Mexico to operate beyond United States municipalities and commercial zones on the United States-Mexico border unless expressly authorized by Congress.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2008

Mr. DEFAZIO (for himself, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. MICA, and Mr. DUNCAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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. LIMITATION ON LONG-HAUL CROSS BORDER**
4 **TRUCKING OPERATIONS.**

5 (a) **TERMINATION OF PILOT PROGRAM.**—Not later
6 than September 6, 2008, the Secretary of Transportation
7 shall terminate the one-year cross border demonstration

1 project the Secretary started on September 6, 2007, as
2 described in the Federal Register notices dated May 1,
3 2007 (72 Fed. Reg. 23883), June 8, 2007 (72 Fed. Reg.
4 31877), and August 17, 2007 (72 Fed. Reg. 46263).

5 (b) CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED.—
6 Unless expressly authorized by Congress, the Secretary
7 may not grant authority to a motor carrier domiciled in
8 Mexico to operate beyond United States municipalities and
9 commercial zones on the United States-Mexico border
10 after September 6, 2008.

11 **SEC. 2. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

12 Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment
13 of this Act—

14 (1) the Inspector General of the Department of
15 Transportation shall transmit to Congress the final
16 report required by section 6901(c) of the U.S. Troop
17 Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and
18 Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007 (Pub-
19 lic Law 110–28);

20 (2) the independent review panel established by
21 the Secretary to monitor the demonstration project
22 referred to in section 1(a) shall transmit to Congress
23 a report—

24 (A) evaluating the effects that the dem-
25 onstration project has had on motor carrier

1 safety, including an analysis of any accidents
2 involving motor carriers participating in the
3 demonstration project; and

4 (B) containing recommendations for modi-
5 fications to the process of granting authority to
6 a motor carrier domiciled in Mexico to operate
7 beyond United States municipalities and com-
8 mercial zones on the United States-Mexico bor-
9 der and for monitoring the future operations of
10 such carriers in the United States, in order to
11 enhance safety;

12 (3) the Secretary of Transportation shall trans-
13 mit to Congress a report detailing the implementa-
14 tion of and the participation of motor carriers in the
15 demonstration project referred to in section 1(a), in-
16 cluding—

17 (A) the number and names of United
18 States and Mexico domiciled motor carriers that
19 participated in the demonstration project and
20 the number of vehicles each motor carrier uti-
21 lized in the demonstration project;

22 (B) the number of border crossings by
23 motor carriers participating in the demonstra-
24 tion project, including the number of crossings
25 which resulted in a motor carrier traveling be-

1 yond United States municipalities and commer-
2 cial zones on the United States-Mexico border;

3 (C) an itemization of safety and oper-
4 ational violations identified among motor car-
5 rier participating in the demonstration project
6 in pre-authorization safety audits, compliance
7 reviews, and roadside inspections, including a
8 review of the most frequent types of violations;

9 (D) an analysis of the cost to the Federal
10 Government and State partners of imple-
11 menting the demonstration project, including
12 administrative costs, safety monitoring and en-
13 forcement costs, and the cost of installing glob-
14 al positioning system units on participating ve-
15 hicles; and

16 (E) measures taken by the Secretary to
17 terminate the authority of motor carriers par-
18 ticipating in the demonstration project to oper-
19 ate beyond United States municipalities and
20 commercial zones on the United States-Mexico
21 border after September 6, 2008, and ensure
22 that such motor carriers cease long-haul oper-
23 ations.

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