<u>Congressman Cuellar's FY19 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs</u> <u>Appropriations Language</u>

1. \$595,000,000 for the Strategy for Engagement in Central America.

"The Committee recommendation includes funding to continue to support efforts to secure Mexico's borders and encourages a continued focus on Mexico's southern border with Guatemala and Belize."

2. The Committee is concerned about the length of time it has taken in prior years for the Department of State to meet the oversight requirements provided for in this subsection. The Secretary of State is directed to submit the spend plan required by subsection (a)(2) not later than 60 days after enactment of this Act, and to take other steps in order to obligate funds in a timely manner, particularly with respect to funds not subject to the requirements of subsection (3).