

International Security Cooperation Programs and Institutional Capacity Building

The Committee recommendation includes \$32,000,000 for International Security Cooperation Programs for Mexico, including \$20,220,000 above the request for programs to counter illicit fentanyl and synthetic opioids and the transnational criminal organizations, particularly the Sinaloa and Jalisco drug cartels, that have perpetrated the fentanyl crisis. The Committee recommendation also supports institutional capacity building programs for Mexico. The Committee supports the inclusion of Mexico in the National Guard State Partnership Program to enhance Mexico's counterdrug efforts.

Space-Based Surveillance

“SPACE-BASED SURVEILLANCE FOR NORTHERN COMMAND AND SOUTHERN COMMAND

The Committee recognizes the immense value that persistent and unmanned systems can provide to United States Northern Command (NORTHCOM) and United States Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) in support of operations across their areas of responsibility. The Committee is encouraged by the development and fielding of space-based capabilities, including commercially provided capabilities, that can meet critical intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) requirements for both combatant commands. Therefore, the Committee encourages the Secretary of Defense to provide increased support for space-based ISR to NORTHCOM and SOUTHCOM.”