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To authorize the President to negotiate the creation of a North American Investment Fund between the Governments of Canada, of Mexico, and of the United States to increase the economic competitiveness of North America in a global economy.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. COLEMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

To authorize the President to negotiate the creation of a North American Investment Fund between the Governments of Canada, of Mexico, and of the United States to increase the economic competitiveness of North America in a global economy.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “North American In-
5 vestment Fund Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NORTH AMERICAN IN-**
2 **VESTMENT FUND.**

3 The President is authorized to negotiate with the
4 Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico to
5 establish a North American Investment Fund (referred to
6 in this Act as the “Fund”) by—

7 (1) agreeing to certain amendments to the No-
8 vember 1993 Agreement Between the Government of
9 the United States of America and the Government
10 of the United Mexican States Concerning the Estab-
11 lishment of a Border Environment Cooperation
12 Commission and a North American Development
13 Bank; or

14 (2) negotiating an agreement with the Govern-
15 ment of Canada and the Government of Mexico to
16 establish and administer the Fund.

17 **SEC. 3. PURPOSES.**

18 The purposes of the Fund shall be—

19 (1) to increase the economic competitiveness of
20 North America in a global economy;

21 (2) to reduce the income gap between Mexico
22 and Canada, and between Mexico and the United
23 States; and

24 (3) to promote economic development in Mexico
25 in the areas of infrastructure, education, technology,
26 and job training.

1 **SEC. 4. PROJECTS FUNDED.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Grants shall be awarded from the
3 Fund for projects to carry out the purposes described in
4 section 3, including projects—

5 (1) to construct roads in Mexico to facilitate
6 trade between Mexico and Canada, and Mexico and
7 the United States;

8 (2) to encourage the development and improve
9 the quality of primary, secondary, and post-sec-
10 ondary education throughout Mexico;

11 (3) to expand the deployment of communica-
12 tions and broadband infrastructure throughout Mex-
13 ico, with emphasis on rural and underserved areas;
14 and

15 (4) to expand job training and workforce devel-
16 opment for high-growth industries in Mexico.

17 (b) PROJECT SELECTION.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The agreement described in
19 section 2 shall include guidelines for determining
20 which projects will receive financial assistance from
21 the Fund.

22 (2) PRIORITY.—In selecting grantees to carry
23 out projects described in subsection (a)(1), priority
24 should be given to projects in the interior and south-
25 ern regions of Mexico that connect to more devel-
26 oped markets in the United States and Canada.

1 **SEC. 5. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The agreement described in sec-
3 tion 2 shall require the Governments of Canada, of Mex-
4 ico, and of the United States to contribute to the Fund,
5 subject to the limitations under subsection (b).

6 (b) LIMITATIONS ON CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE
7 UNITED STATES AND CANADA.—The agreement described
8 in section 2 shall include provisions that permit Canada
9 and the United States to contribute to the Fund if the
10 Government of Mexico—

11 (1) increases the tax revenue collected by such
12 Government, with the goal of annually collecting an
13 amount of such revenue that is equal to 18 percent
14 of the annual gross domestic product of Mexico; and

15 (2) carries out a program of reforms to increase
16 private investment and economic growth, reduce pov-
17 erty, and maintain economic stability in Mexico.

18 **SEC. 6. TERM OF THE FUND.**

19 The agreement described in section 2 shall require
20 that the Fund—

21 (1) operate for an initial period of 10 years;
22 and

23 (2) cease operations at the end of such 10-year
24 period, unless the Governments of Canada, of Mex-
25 ico, and of the United States agree to extend the pe-
26 riod of operation beyond such initial period.

1 **SEC. 7. REPORT.**

2 Not later than 180 days after the date on which the
3 Government of Mexico complies with the criteria described
4 in paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 5(b), and once every
5 180 days after such date of compliance and before the fi-
6 nalization of the agreement described in section 2, the
7 President shall submit a report to Congress detailing the
8 progress made by the Government of the United States
9 to establish the Fund in accordance with this Act.

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