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# S. 2541

To authorize the reclassification of the tactical enforcement officers (commonly known as the “Shadow Wolves”) in the Homeland Security Investigations tactical patrol unit operating on the lands of the Tohono O’odham Nation as special agents.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 29, 2021

Ms. SINEMA (for herself and Mr. HOEVEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Shadow Wolves En-  
5 hancement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RECLASSIFICATION OF SHADOW WOLVES AS GS-**  
2 **1811 SPECIAL AGENTS.**

3 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Di-  
4 rector of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement is  
5 authorized—

6 (1) to reclassify the GS–1801 tactical enforce-  
7 ment officers (commonly known as “Shadow  
8 Wolves”) assigned to the Homeland Security Inves-  
9 tigations tactical patrol unit operating on the lands  
10 of the Tohono O’odham Nation, as of the date of the  
11 enactment of this Act, as GS–1811 special agents,  
12 upon the successful completion of—

13 (A) the Federal Law Enforcement Train-  
14 ing Center’s Criminal Investigator Training  
15 Program; and

16 (B)(i) Customs Basic Enforcement School,  
17 if the officer was hired before March 2003; or

18 (ii) U.S. Immigration and Customs En-  
19 forcement Homeland Security Investigations  
20 Special Agent Training, if the officer was hired  
21 during or after March 2003;

22 (2) to classify any Shadow Wolves who are as-  
23 signed to the unit referred to in paragraph (1) after  
24 such date of enactment as special agents upon the  
25 successful completion of the training described in  
26 paragraph (1); and

1           (3) to classify any Shadow Wolves who are  
2           hired as part of a comparable unit (regardless of lo-  
3           cation) after such date of enactment as special  
4           agents upon the successful completion of the train-  
5           ing described in paragraph (1).

6 **SEC. 3. EXPANSION OF SHADOW WOLVES PROGRAM.**

7           Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-  
8           ment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall  
9           submit to the Comptroller General of the United States,  
10          the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental  
11          Affairs of the Senate, and the Committee on Homeland  
12          Security of the House of Representatives a strategy for—

13               (1) retaining existing Shadow Wolves;

14               (2) recruiting new Shadow Wolves;

15               (3) expanding comparable units referred to in  
16          section 2(3) to appropriate areas near the inter-  
17          national border between the United States and Can-  
18          ada or the international border between the United  
19          States and Mexico, with the approval and consent of  
20          the appropriate Indian tribe; and

21               (4) determining the best process for expanding  
22          the reach of the Shadow Wolves Program to include  
23          historically and culturally significant areas for Trib-  
24          al communities that are not located on Tribal lands.

1 **SEC. 4. GAO STUDY.**

2 (a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United  
3 States shall conduct a study to determine the best process  
4 for expanding the reach of the Shadow Wolves Program  
5 to include historically and culturally significant areas for  
6 tribal communities that are not located on tribal lands.

7 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after receiving  
8 the strategy under section 3, and annually for the fol-  
9 lowing 2 years, the Comptroller General of the United  
10 States shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Secu-  
11 rity and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Com-  
12 mittee on Homeland Security of the House of Representa-  
13 tives—

14 (1) an assessment of the effectiveness of such  
15 strategy; and

16 (2) any recommendations for improvements to  
17 the strategy that the Comptroller General deter-  
18 mines to be appropriate.

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