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For SB 1900

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EVE MARGOLIS

self

Austin, TX

I oppose SB 1900. These terms are used interchangeably: criminal street gang, or a foreign terrorist organization. They are not, this is a convenient way to arrest immigrants by calling them foreign terrorists. The idea that keeping immigrants out is keeping drugs out is ridiculous. There have already been a number of police officers who have been arrested for drug trafficking.

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Michael Maris

Self

Del Rio, TX

I support this bill I live on the border between brackettville and Del Rio and I own a ranch there are high speed chases and dangerous situations every single day brought about by the smuggling and trafficking of cartels

Katherine Leach

Self/Domestic Engineer

McKinney, TX

Attention State Affairs Committee Members,

The growing national fentanyl crisis continues to take the lives of Americans as drug cartels disguise fentanyl as counterfeit pills and find new ways to smuggle humans and drugs across our border. It is imperative that foreign terrorist organizations be added to the organized crime designation and new criminal offenses be created relating to their operations. This will enable law enforcement agencies to build stronger cases against them with access to more resources and adding foreign terrorist organizations to intelligence databases.

I strongly support SB 1900 to designate criminal cartel organizations as foreign terrorist organizations and I encourage you to do the same.

Thank you for your consideration in this regard,

Katherine Leach