

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. \_\_\_\_**  
**OFFERED BY MR. McCAUL OF TEXAS**  
**(Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2012)**

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

**1 SEC. \_\_\_\_ . LIMITATION ON USAID TRAINING CONTRACTS**  
**2 UNDER THE MERIDA INITIATIVE.**

**3 (a) FINDINGS.**—Congress finds the following:

**4 (1)** In 2007, the United States and Mexico announced the Merida Initiative, a multi-year partnership to fight organized crime and associated violence  
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**6** while furthering respect for human rights and the  
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**8** rule of law in the region.

**9 (2)** One of the Merida Initiative’s four primary  
**10** goals is to improve the capacity of justice systems in  
**11** the region.

**12 (3)** In April 2009, USAID/Mexico awarded a 3-  
**13** year, \$44.1 million cost-type contract to Management Systems International (MSI) to work with  
**14** Mexican state and federal justice institutions to  
**15** strengthen their capacity to improve transparency,  
**16** public oversight, and public accountability, and better  
**17** serve Mexican citizens under the new constitu-  
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1        tional reforms that shape the police and criminal  
2        procedure codes.

3            (4) A January 2011 USAID Office of the In-  
4        spector General audit determined that the contract  
5        mechanism that USAID/Mexico used to award the  
6        task order to MSI was not in accordance with pro-  
7        curement regulations, USAID/Mexico's technical of-  
8        ficers responsible for the rule of law projects have  
9        not effectively carried out all their responsibilities in  
10       accordance with USAID policy and internal mission  
11       orders, USAID/Mexico's contractor has not devel-  
12       oped systems for evaluating the effectiveness of the  
13       training it delivers, and USAID/Mexico's reported  
14       numbers of beneficiaries trained are not accurate.

15       (b) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
16       sion of law, the Administrator of the United States Agency  
17       for International Development, in awarding contracts dur-  
18       ing a fiscal year to procure training services as part of  
19       the Merida Initiative, may not award more than 50 per-  
20       cent of the dollar amount of the contracts to one company.

21       (c) MERIDA INITIATIVE DEFINED.—In this section,  
22       the term “Merida Initiative” means the program an-  
23       nounced by the United States and Mexico on October 22,

- 1 2007, to fight illicit narcotics trafficking and criminal or-
- 2 ganizations throughout the Western Hemisphere.

