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To provide that section 9 of Executive Order 13768, relating to sanctuary jurisdictions, shall have no force or effect, to prohibit the use of funds for certain purposes, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 15, 2017

Ms. CLARKE of New York (for herself, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. NORTON, Ms. BASS, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. SOTO, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. EVANS, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. CLEAVER, Mrs. DEMINGS, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. CLAY, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, and Mrs. BEATTY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To provide that section 9 of Executive Order 13768, relating to sanctuary jurisdictions, shall have no force or effect, to prohibit the use of funds for certain purposes, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Protect Our Sanctuary
3 Cities Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress finds the following:

6 (1) Since this Nation’s founding, immigrants
7 such as Alexander Hamilton, Albert Einstein,
8 Marcus Garvey, and others have enhanced our civic
9 life and helped spur economic growth. They have
10 founded companies that changed the world, pushed
11 the limits of our minds, and made us better people
12 in the process.

13 (2) Immigrants overwhelmingly follow the law
14 and seek better lives for themselves and their fami-
15 lies.

16 (3) Section 9 of Executive Order 13768, which
17 imposes consequences on so-called “sanctuary juris-
18 dictions”, threatens to impede our societal progress
19 by forcing immigrants to live in fear and be sub-
20 jected to inhumane treatment that is not in keeping
21 with our values and previous commitments.

22 (4) This section of the Executive order harms
23 public safety by destroying trust between law en-
24 forcement officials and immigrant communities. It
25 would force local law enforcement officials to depart
26 from their bipartisan commitment to respecting the

1 confidentiality of their sources, which would make it
2 harder to engage in community policing.

3 (5) State, city, and local law enforcement offi-
4 cials already cooperate with Federal authorities to
5 initiate removal proceedings against criminal aliens
6 who commit one of over 10 dozen serious crimes.

7 (6) Threats to diminish funding to State, city,
8 and local law enforcement officials for failing to
9 comply with section 9 of the Executive order con-
10 stitute a grave threat to public safety.

11 (7) Section 9 of Executive Order 13768, also
12 constitutes a threat to public health by making it
13 less likely that undocumented immigrants with life
14 threatening contagious diseases will seek health
15 treatment because of their fear of being removed.

16 (8) This section of the Executive order also
17 places our Nation's economic health at risk, since
18 immigrants contribute to the vibrancy of our econ-
19 omy by performing jobs that many Americans are
20 unwilling to perform and pay taxes that fund public
21 benefit programs.

22 (9) Section 9 of Executive Order 13768 unlaw-
23 fully commandeers State, city, and local law enforce-
24 ment officials in service of an inhumane and ill-con-
25 ceived goal.

1 (10) This section of the Executive order is par-
2 ticularly harmful to immigrants of color who stand
3 out the most and may be the easiest to apprehend.

4 (11) Section 9 of Executive Order 13768 is dis-
5 criminatory, misguided, and contrary to the public
6 interest.

7 **SEC. 3. NULLIFICATION OF EFFECT OF EXECUTIVE ORDER.**

8 Section 9 of Executive Order 13768 is null and void
9 and shall have no force or effect.

10 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITION AGAINST USE OF FUNDS FOR CER-**
11 **TAIN PURPOSES.**

12 No funds appropriated pursuant to any provision of
13 law may be used to promulgate or enforce any Executive
14 order that compels State, city, or local officials to assist
15 Federal authorities in the removal of aliens from the
16 United States.

17 **SEC. 5. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

18 Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-
19 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall
20 submit a report to the Congress identifying ways in which
21 Department of Homeland Security personnel can
22 strengthen immigrant community trust in the Depart-
23 ment.

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