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To immediately resume construction of the border wall system along the international border between the United States and Mexico to secure the border, enforce the rule of law, and expend appropriated funds as mandated by Congress, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana (for himself, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. POSEY, Mr. BALDERSON, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. CLYDE, Mr. FRY, Mr. CARL, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. BABIN, Mr. BOST, Mr. LATTA, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. HUNT, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. GUEST, Mr. ROY, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mrs. BOEBERT, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. OBERNOLTE, and Mr. JACKSON of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Finish the Wall Act”.

3 **SEC. 2. BORDER WALL SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION.**

4 (a)(1) IMMEDIATELY RESUME BORDER WALL SYS-
5 TEM CONSTRUCTION.—Not later than 24 hours after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-
7 land Security shall resume all activities related to the con-
8 struction of the border barrier system (also known as, and
9 referred to in this Act as, the “border wall system”) along
10 the international border between the United States and
11 Mexico that were underway or being planned for prior to
12 January 20, 2021.

13 (2) NO CANCELLATIONS.—The Secretary of Home-
14 land Security may not cancel any contract for activities
15 related to border wall system construction referred to in
16 paragraph (1) that was entered into on or before January
17 20, 2021.

18 (3) USE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary of Homeland
19 Security shall expend all funds appropriated or explicitly
20 obligated for border wall system construction referred to
21 in paragraph (1) that were appropriated or obligated, as
22 the case may be, beginning on October 1, 2016, to carry
23 out this Act.

24 (4) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR BORDER WALL
25 SYSTEM.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the
26 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security

1 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees
2 an implementation plan to complete, by not later than
3 September 30, 2026, border wall system construction re-
4 ferred to in paragraph (1) and funded in accordance with
5 paragraph (3).

6 (b) PLAN TO COMPLETE TACTICAL INFRASTRUC-
7 TURE AND TECHNOLOGY ELEMENTS OF BORDER WALL
8 SYSTEM.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the
9 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security
10 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees
11 an implementation plan, including quarterly benchmarks
12 and cost estimates, for satisfying all requirements of bor-
13 der wall system construction referred to in subsection
14 (a)(1), including tactical infrastructure, technology, and
15 other elements as identified by the Department of Home-
16 land Security prior to January 20, 2021, through the ex-
17 penditure of funds appropriated or explicitly obligated, as
18 the case may be, for use beginning on October 1, 2016,
19 as well as any future funds appropriated by Congress.

20 (c) UPHOLD NEGOTIATED AGREEMENTS.—The Sec-
21 retary of Homeland Security shall ensure that all agree-
22 ments executed in writing between the Department of
23 Homeland Security and private citizens, State, local, and
24 Tribal governments, and other stakeholders are honored

1 by the Department relating to current and future border
2 wall system construction as required by such agreements.

3 **SEC. 3. DNA COLLECTION CONSISTENT WITH FEDERAL**
4 **LAW.**

5 Not later than 14 days after the date of the enact-
6 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall
7 ensure and certify to the Committee on Homeland Secu-
8 rity of the House of Representatives and the Committee
9 on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the
10 Senate that U.S. Customs and Border Protection is fully
11 compliant with the DNA Fingerprint Act of 2005 at all
12 border facilities that process adults, including as part of
13 a family unit, in the custody of U.S. Customs and Border
14 Protection at the border.

15 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

16 In this Act:

17 (1) **APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-**
18 **TEES.**—The term “appropriate congressional com-
19 mittees” means the Committee on Homeland Secu-
20 rity and the Committee on Appropriations of the
21 House of Representatives and the Committee on
22 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and
23 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

24 (2) **TACTICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.**—The term
25 “tactical infrastructure” includes boat ramps, access

1 gates, checkpoints, lighting, and roads associated
2 with a border wall system.

3 (3) TECHNOLOGY.—The term “technology” in-
4 cludes border surveillance and detection technology,
5 including linear ground detection systems, associated
6 with a border wall system.

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