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To direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a traffic barrier installation grant program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. GILLIBRAND introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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 “Stopping Threats on
5 Pedestrians Act of 2017” or the “STOP Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. TRAFFIC BARRIER INSTALLATION GRANT PRO-**
7 **GRAM.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
10 the Secretary of Transportation.

1 (2) TRAFFIC BARRIER INSTALLATION
2 PROJECT.—The term “traffic barrier installation
3 project” means a project to install traffic barriers,
4 which may include bollards, jersey barriers, planters,
5 or other barriers approved by the Secretary, on a
6 sidewalk, bicycle path, or pedestrian plaza or walk-
7 way adjacent to a roadway that are designed to slow
8 or stop a motor vehicle.

9 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after
10 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall es-
11 tablish and carry out a competitive grant program to pro-
12 vide assistance to eligible entities for traffic barrier instal-
13 lation projects designed to prevent pedestrian injuries and
14 acts of terrorism in areas used by large numbers of pedes-
15 trians.

16 (c) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—An entity eligible to re-
17 ceive a grant under this section is—

- 18 (1) a State;
19 (2) a metropolitan planning organization; or
20 (3) a unit of local government.

21 (d) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant
22 under this section, an eligible entity shall submit to the
23 Secretary an application at such time, in such form, and
24 containing such information as the Secretary determines
25 to be appropriate, which shall include, at a minimum—

1 (1) a description of the proposed traffic barrier
2 installation project to be carried out;

3 (2) a description of the pedestrian or bicyclist
4 injury or terrorism risks with respect to the pro-
5 posed installation area; and

6 (3) an analysis of how the proposed traffic bar-
7 rier installation project will mitigate those risks.

8 (e) USE OF FUNDS.—A recipient of a grant under
9 this section—

10 (1) shall be the direct recipient of the grant;

11 and

12 (2) may only use the grant funds for a traffic
13 barrier installation project.

14 (f) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the
15 costs of a traffic barrier installation project carried out
16 with a grant under this section may be up to 100 percent.

17 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
18 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry
19 out this section \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2018
20 through 2027.

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