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S. 2750

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Operation Stonegarden grant program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. MCSALLY (for herself and Mr. JONES) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Operation Stonegarden
5 Authorization Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. OPERATION STONEGARDEN.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of title XX of the
8 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 601 et seq.)
9 is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 2009. OPERATION STONEGARDEN.**

2 “(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established in the
3 Department a program, which shall be known as ‘Oper-
4 ation Stonegarden’, under which the Secretary, acting
5 through the Administrator, shall make grants to eligible
6 law enforcement agencies to enhance border security in ac-
7 cordance with this section.

8 “(b) **ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS.**—A law enforcement
9 agency is eligible to receive a grant under this section if
10 the agency—

11 “(1) is located in—

12 “(A) a State bordering Canada or Mexico;

13 or

14 “(B) a State or territory with a maritime
15 border; and

16 “(2) is involved in an active, ongoing, U.S. Cus-
17 toms and Border Protection operation coordinated
18 through a U.S. Border Patrol sector office.

19 “(c) **PERMITTED USES.**—Grant funds received under
20 this section may be used by the grant recipient for—

21 “(1) equipment, including maintenance and
22 sustainment costs;

23 “(2) personnel, including overtime and backfill,
24 in support of enhanced border law enforcement ac-
25 tivities;

1 “(3) any activity permitted for Operation
2 Stonegarden under the Department of Homeland
3 Security’s most recent Homeland Security Grant
4 Program Notice of Funding Opportunity; and

5 “(4) any other appropriate activity, as deter-
6 mined by the Administrator, in consultation with the
7 Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protec-
8 tion.

9 “(d) PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE.—The Secretary
10 shall award grants under this section to grant recipients
11 for a period of not less than 36 months.

12 “(e) REPORT.—The Administrator shall submit a re-
13 port, for each of the fiscal years 2020 through 2024, to
14 the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental
15 Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Homeland
16 Security of the House of Representatives that contains in-
17 formation on the expenditure of grants made under this
18 section by each grant recipient.

19 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
20 is authorized to be appropriated \$110,000,000 for each
21 of the fiscal years 2020 through 2024 for grants under
22 this section.”.

23 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 2002(a) of
24 the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 603(a)) is
25 amended to read as follows:

1 “(a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary, through
2 the Administrator, may award grants under sections 2003,
3 2004, and 2009 to State, local, and tribal governments,
4 as appropriate.”.

5 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
6 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
7 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
8 2008 the following:

“Sec. 2009. Operation Stonegarden.”.

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