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117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GUEST introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

A BILL

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the Operation Stonegarden grant program, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Operation Stonegarden
5 Authorization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. OPERATION STONEGARDEN.**

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

5 **“SEC. 2010. OPERATION STONEGARDEN.**

6 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
7 Department a program to be known as ‘Operation
8 Stonegarden’, under which the Secretary, acting through
9 the Administrator, shall make grants to eligible law en-
10 forcement agencies, through the State administrative
11 agency, to enhance border security in accordance with this
12 section.

13 “(b) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS.—To be eligible to re-
14 ceive a grant under this section, a law enforcement agen-
15 cy—

16 “(1) shall be located in—

17 “(A) a State bordering Canada or Mexico;
18 or

19 “(B) a State or territory with a maritime
20 border; and

21 “(2) shall be involved in an active, ongoing,
22 U.S. Customs and Border Protection operation co-
23 ordinated through a U.S. Border Patrol sector of-
24 fice.

25 “(c) PERMITTED USES.—The recipient of a grant
26 under this section may use such grant for—

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

3 “(2) personnel, including overtime and backfill,
4 in support of enhanced border law enforcement ac-
5 tivities;

6 “(3) any activity permitted for Operation
7 Stonegarden under the Department of Homeland
8 Security’s most recent Homeland Security Grant
9 Program Notice of Funding Opportunity; or

10 “(4) any other appropriate activity, as deter-
11 mined by the Administrator, in consultation with the
12 Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protec-
13 tion.

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

17 “(e) REPORT.—For each of the fiscal years 2022
18 through 2026, the Administrator shall submit to the Com-
19 mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
20 of the Senate and the Committee on Homeland Security
21 of the House of Representatives a report that contains in-
22 formation on the expenditure of grants made under this
23 section by each grant recipient.

24 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
25 is authorized to be appropriated \$110,000,000 for each

1 of the fiscal years 2022 through 2026 for grants under
2 this section.”.

3 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (a) of
4 section 2002 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6
5 U.S.C. 603) is amended to read as follows:

6 “(a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary, through
7 the Administrator, may award grants under sections 2003,
8 2004, 2009, and 2010 to State, local, and Tribal govern-
9 ments, as appropriate.”.

10 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
11 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
12 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
13 2009 the following new item:

“Sec. 2010. Operation Stonegarden.”.