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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 21, 2021

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana (for himself, Mr. KATKO, Mr. McCAUL, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. BUDD, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. PERRY, Mr. BURCHETT, Mr. STEUBE, Ms. HERRELL, Mr. ROY, Mr. HICE of Georgia, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. GREEN of Tennessee, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mr. CAWTHORN, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. BABIN, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mr. GUEST, Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. BERGMAN, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. MAST, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. MELJER, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. McCLINTOCK, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mrs. WAGNER, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. CLYDE, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma, Mr. MANN, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. FEENSTRA, and Mr. LATURNER) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

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

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

15 (2) NO CANCELLATIONS.—The Secretary of Home-
16 land Security may not cancel any contract for activities
17 related to border wall system construction referred to in
18 paragraph (1) that was entered into on or before January
19 20, 2021.

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

1 (4) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR BORDER WALL
2 SYSTEM.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enact-
3 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall
4 submit to the appropriate congressional committees an im-
5 plementation plan to complete, by not later than Sep-
6 tember 30, 2024, border wall system construction referred
7 to in paragraph (1) and funded in accordance with para-
8 graph (3).

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

23 (c) UPHOLD NEGOTIATED AGREEMENTS.—The Sec-
24 retary of Homeland Security shall ensure that all agree-
25 ments executed in writing between the Department of

1 Homeland Security and private citizens, State, local, and
2 Tribal governments, and other stakeholders are honored
3 by the Department relating to current and future border
4 wall system construction as required by such agreements.

5 **SEC. 3. DNA COLLECTION CONSISTENT WITH FEDERAL**
6 **LAW.**

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

17 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

18 In this Act:

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

1 (2) TACTICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.—The term
2 “tactical infrastructure” includes boat ramps, access
3 gates, checkpoints, lighting, and roads associated
4 with a border wall system.

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

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