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# H. R. 1740

To allow Homeland Security Grant Program funds to be used to safeguard faith-based community centers across the United States, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 2017

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico (for herself, Mr. MAST, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. KATKO, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. TONKO, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. EVANS, Mr. LANCE, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. PETERS, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mr. FASO, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. TITUS, Mr. SIRES, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. PERLMUTTER, and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## 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 “Faith-Based Commu-  
3 nity Center Protection Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT**  
5 **PROGRAM.**

6 Title XX of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6  
7 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) is amended—

8 (1) in section 2001 (6 U.S.C. 601)—

9 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (6)  
10 through (14) as paragraphs (7) through (15),  
11 respectively; and

12 (B) by inserting after paragraph (5) the  
13 following:

14 “(6) FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY CENTER.—The  
15 term ‘faith-based community center’ means a facility  
16 operated by a nonprofit faith-based community orga-  
17 nization for the provision of recreational, social, or  
18 education services. For purposes of this paragraph,  
19 the term ‘nonprofit’ means an organization described  
20 under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue  
21 Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section  
22 501(a) of such Code.”; and

23 (2) in section 2008 (6 U.S.C. 609)—

24 (A) in subsection (a)—

25 (i) in paragraph (13), by striking  
26 “and” at the end;

1 (ii) by redesignating paragraph (14)  
2 as paragraph (15); and

3 (iii) by inserting after paragraph (13)  
4 the following:

5 “(14) protecting faith-based community centers  
6 or vulnerable populations, including children or the  
7 elderly; and”;

8 (B) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(g) PROTECTION OF FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY  
10 CENTERS AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS.—

11 “(1) ALLOCATION OF GRANT FUNDS.—Of the  
12 total amount authorized to be appropriated under  
13 paragraph (3) for grants awarded for the purpose  
14 described in subsection (a)(14), the Administrator  
15 shall award—

16 “(A) 50 percent for the protection of faith-  
17 based community centers and vulnerable popu-  
18 lations in communities with a population of not  
19 more than 1,000,000 individuals, as determined  
20 by the latest available decennial census; and

21 “(B) 50 percent for the protection of faith-  
22 based community centers and vulnerable popu-  
23 lations in communities with a population of  
24 more than 1,000,000 individuals, as determined  
25 by the latest available decennial census.

1 “(2) FEDERAL SHARE.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of  
3 a grant awarded for the purpose described in  
4 subsection (a)(14) may not exceed 50 percent of  
5 the total cost of a project and the non-Federal  
6 share shall be the remaining percentage of such  
7 total cost.

8 “(B) METHOD OF PAYMENT.—The non-  
9 Federal share of project costs under a grant  
10 awarded for the purpose described in subsection  
11 (a)(14) may be paid in cash or in-kind from a  
12 grantee or a nonprofit entity involved with the  
13 project.

14 “(3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
15 There are authorized to be appropriated  
16 \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2017 to the Adminis-  
17 trator to make grants for the purpose described in  
18 subsection (a)(14).”.

19 **SEC. 3. FALSE INFORMATION AND HOAXES.**

20 Section 1038(a)(1)(A) of title 18, United State Code,  
21 is amended by striking “5 years” and inserting “10  
22 years”.

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