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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACKSON LEE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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

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 “Protect American Tax-
5 payers and Secure Border Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO**
2 **BORDER SECURITY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—No taxpayer funds may be obli-
4 gated or expended to build a wall or barrier intended to
5 impede travel between Mexico and the United States.

6 (b) FOREIGN PAYMENT REQUIRED.—Any wall or
7 barrier described in subsection (a) that is proposed to be
8 built shall be paid for using funds provided by the Govern-
9 ment of Mexico.

10 (c) SECURING THE SOUTHERN BORDER.—The Sec-
11 retary of Homeland Security shall take such actions as
12 may be necessary to secure the southern border by making
13 maximum effective utilization of technology and improved
14 training of U.S. Custom and Border Protection agents
15 and officers.

16 (d) INCREASE IN IMMIGRATION JUDGES.—The Attor-
17 ney General may appoint 100 additional immigration
18 judges in addition to immigration judges currently serving
19 as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

20 (e) HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary of
21 Homeland Security shall take such actions as may be nec-
22 essary to ensure that humanitarian assistance is provided
23 to immigrants, refugees, and other displaced persons who
24 are in need of medical assistance and aid to sustain health
25 and life.