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To provide appropriations to secure the southern border of the United States,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana (for himself and Mr. LAMALFA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, the Judiciary, Homeland Security, Agriculture, Ways and Means, and Energy and Commerce, 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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the United States, 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 “Savings Through Secu-
5 rity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. APPROPRIATIONS FOR SECURING THE SOUTHERN**
2 **BORDER.**

3 (a) APPROPRIATION.—Subject to subsection (c),
4 there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the
5 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as the
6 Secretary of Homeland Security may from time to time
7 certify to the Secretary of the Treasury are necessary for
8 the Department of Homeland Security to procure and de-
9 ploy the necessary infrastructure, technology, and man-
10 power to secure the international border between the
11 United States and Mexico.

12 (b) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts appropriated under
13 this section shall remain available until expended.

14 (c) MAXIMUM APPROPRIATION.—Not more than
15 \$5,700,000,000 in total may be appropriated under the
16 authority provided by this section.

17 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPENDI-**
18 **TURES ON UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS.**

19 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days
20 after the date of enactment of this Act, the head of each
21 department or agency listed in subsection (b) shall submit
22 to Congress and transmit to the Secretary of the Treasury
23 a report describing each amount such department or agen-
24 cy has expended in the previous fiscal year on activities
25 relating to aliens unlawfully present in the United States.

1 (b) DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES LISTED.—The de-
2 partments and agencies listed in this subsection are the
3 following:

4 (1) The Department of Education.

5 (2) The Department of Justice.

6 (3) The Department of Homeland Security.

7 (4) The Department of Agriculture.

8 (5) The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Serv-
9 ices.

10 **SEC. 4. REMISSION OF COST SAVINGS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
12 end of the first fiscal year in which an amount is obligated
13 pursuant to the appropriation in section 2(a), and annu-
14 ally thereafter until the obligation of the maximum
15 amount described in section 2(c), the head of each depart-
16 ment or agency listed in section 3(b) shall remit to the
17 general fund of the Treasury an amount, to be derived
18 from the unobligated balances of each appropriate account
19 of such department or agency, that is equal to the extent
20 to which the head of such department or agency deter-
21 mines that such balance remains unobligated because of
22 the expenditures by the Secretary of Homeland Security,
23 pursuant to the appropriation under section 2(a), to se-
24 cure the international border between the United States
25 and Mexico.

1 (b) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than November 1
2 of the first fiscal year beginning after the date of the en-
3 actment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the head of
4 each department or agency listed in section 3(b) shall
5 jointly submit to Congress a report including any amount
6 saved by each such department or agency on expenditures
7 relating to aliens unlawfully present in the United States
8 in the preceding fiscal year because of the expenditures
9 of the Secretary of Homeland Security, pursuant to the
10 appropriation under section 2(a), to secure the inter-
11 national border between the United States and Mexico.

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