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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PAUL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 TITLES.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Border Enforcement,
5 Security, And Funding Enhancement Act” or the “BE
6 SAFE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMMIGRATION IMPROVEMENTS AND BORDER SECUR-**
2 **RITY ENHANCEMENTS.**

3 (a) FEE AUTHORIZED.—Beginning on the date of the
4 enactment of this Act, each alien granted lawful perma-
5 nent residence in the United States, before the alien is
6 issued a Permanent Resident Card (commonly referred to
7 as the “Green Card”), shall remit to U.S. Citizenship and
8 Immigration Services, in addition to any fees otherwise re-
9 quired, a fee in an amount equal to \$2,500.

10 (b) BORDER SECURITY ENHANCEMENT FUND.—

11 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in
12 the general fund of the Treasury a separate account,
13 which shall be known as the Border Security En-
14 hancement Fund (referred to in this subsection as
15 the “Fund”).

16 (2) DEPOSITS.—All fees remitted to U.S. Citi-
17 zenship and Immigration Services pursuant to sub-
18 section (a) shall be deposited into the Fund.

19 (3) USE OF FUNDS.—The President may use
20 amounts from the Fund to facilitate the enforcement
21 of the immigration laws of the United States and to
22 improve immigration-related governmental processes,
23 including by—

24 (A) constructing border barriers, border
25 fencing, or a border wall along the United
26 States border;

1 (B) carrying out enforcement, detention,
2 and removal operations for priority removable
3 aliens;

4 (C) disrupting illegal cross border traf-
5 ficking activity, including human trafficking
6 and the movement of opioids and other nar-
7 cotics;

8 (D) improving facilities and trade and
9 travel infrastructure at ports of entry and bor-
10 der crossings;

11 (E) reducing visa overstays;

12 (F) verifying the status of all alien stu-
13 dents in the United States who have been
14 issued student visas;

15 (G) regularly assessing individuals who
16 have been granted asylum or have been admit-
17 ted as refugees for indications of terrorism;

18 (H) expanding trusted traveler programs;

19 (I) reducing the immigration court back-
20 log; and

21 (J) deploying a complete biometric entry-
22 exit control system in accordance with section
23 110 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Im-

1 migrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (division C
2 of Public Law 104–208; 8 U.S.C. 1221 note).

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