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To reimburse the State of Texas for expenses incurred for activities conducted relating to securing the southern international border of the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas (for himself, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. SELF, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. BABIN, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. GILL of Texas, and Mr. LUTTRELL) 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

To reimburse the State of Texas for expenses incurred for activities conducted relating to securing the southern international border of 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 “Operation Lone Star
5 Reimbursement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The Federal Government is primarily re-
4 sponsible for securing the borders of the United
5 States at and between ports of entry.

6 (2) Due to the lack of border action by the
7 Federal Government from January 20, 2021, to
8 January 19, 2025, the State of Texas has been
9 forced to continually appropriate funds to secure the
10 southern border of the United States.

11 (3) Texas has taken these actions to help main-
12 tain safety and security for all citizens across the
13 United States by protecting against the criminal
14 acts of—

15 (A) human trafficking;

16 (B) sex trafficking;

17 (C) drug proliferation;

18 (D) illicit movement of weapons and con-
19 traband;

20 (E) criminal organizations; and

21 (F) unlawful entry.

22 (4) In March 2021, the Governor of Texas
23 launched Operation Lone Star to combat these
24 threats, resulting in—

25 (A) apprehension of over half a million ille-
26 gal immigrants;

1 (B) 140,000 attempted illegal entries de-
2 nied;

3 (C) over 50,000 criminal arrests;

4 (D) the seizure of half a billion lethal doses
5 of fentanyl; and

6 (E) construction of over 240 miles of bor-
7 der barriers.

8 (5) The amount the State of Texas spent on
9 border security to combat the crisis at Texas' south-
10 ern border was \$11.1 billion of Texas taxpayer fund-
11 ing.

12 **SEC. 3. REIMBURSEMENTS FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS.**

13 (a) APPLICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT.—The Gov-
14 ernor of Texas shall submit to the Secretary of Homeland
15 Security and the Secretary of the Treasury an application
16 for reimbursement, which shall include—

17 (1) a list of expenses incurred by the State of
18 Texas for activities conducted relating to securing
19 the southern international border of the United
20 States during the years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024,
21 and 2025; and

22 (2) the total amount of expenses incurred for
23 such activities.

24 (b) APPLICATION REVIEW.—The Secretary of Home-
25 land Security must review the State of Texas' application

1 within 120 days after receipt and determine what ex-
2 penses that incurred are eligible for reimbursement and
3 submit a report to Congress on the final decision.

4 (c) REIMBURSEMENT.—Not later than 60 days after
5 the Secretary of Homeland Security has submitted the re-
6 imbursement decision to Congress, the Secretary of the
7 Treasury shall pay to the State of Texas, out of any
8 amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, an
9 amount equal to the total amount of expenses determined
10 reimbursable.

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