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To amend title 23, United States Code, to limit certain Federal funding to States that do not have a process to notify the Secretary of Homeland Security of the release from custody or detainment certain aliens under certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 10, 2025

Mr. CRANK (for himself and Ms. BOEBERT) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Blocking Lawless Open
5 Border Cities and States Act of 2025” or the “BLOC
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INELIGIBILITY OF SANCTUARY JURISDICTIONS FOR**
2 **CERTAIN FEDERAL FUNDS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 6 of title 23, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 **“§ 612. Ineligibility of sanctuary jurisdictions for cer-**
7 **tain Federal funds**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation
9 shall not obligate or award funds for any infrastructure
10 project, including for highway construction, to a political
11 subdivision of a State, nor shall any funds obligated or
12 awarded to a State, go to any political subdivision of a
13 State that does not have in effect not later than 1 year
14 after the date of enactment of the BLOC Act a statute,
15 ordinance, policy, or practice requiring an entity or official
16 of such political subdivision to notify the Secretary of
17 Homeland Security (or designee thereof) not later than
18 48 hours before of the release from custody or detainment
19 of an alien if—

20 “(1) the Secretary of Homeland Security (or
21 designee thereof) has determined that such alien is
22 not lawfully present in the United States;

23 “(2) not later than 48 hours before such re-
24 lease, the Secretary of Homeland Security (or des-
25 ignee thereof) has notified the sheriff or detaining

1 entity of such State or political subdivision of the
2 legal status of such alien; and

3 “(3) such alien has been in custody or detain-
4 ment for not less than 48 hours before such release.

5 “(b) DEFINITION OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT.—
6 In this section, the term ‘infrastructure project’ has the
7 meaning given such term in section 184.3 of title 2, Code
8 of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of enact-
9 ment of the BLOC Act).”.

10 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
11 ter 6 of title 23, United States Code, is amended by add-
12 ing at the end the following:

“612. Ineligibility of sanctuary jurisdictions for certain Federal funds.”.

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