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To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to reimburse each State and local first responder agency for the cost of responding to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement or U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MIN (for himself, Mr. IVEY, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, and Ms. MCCOLLUM) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, and Ways and Means, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Recovering Expended
3 Costs from Operationally Unwarranted Policing Act of
4 2026” or “RECOUP Act of 2026”.

5 **SEC. 2. REIMBURSEMENT FOR FIRST RESPONDER RE-**
6 **SPONSE TO IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT**
7 **ACTIVITIES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
9 rity shall reimburse each State and local first responder
10 agency that responds to a request for assistance related
11 to enforcing the immigration laws (as such term is defined
12 in section 101 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
13 U.S.C. 1101)) made by U.S. Immigration and Customs
14 Enforcement or U.S. Customs and Border Protection for
15 the cost of such response.

16 (b) PROCESS.—

17 (1) COLLECTION OF INFORMATION.—To the ex-
18 tent practicable, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
19 rity, acting through the officer of U.S. Immigration
20 and Customs Enforcement or U.S. Customs and
21 Border Protection who made the request described
22 in subsection (a), shall collect from each State and
23 local first responder that responds, the first respond-
24 er’s name, badge number, agency name, and agency
25 contact information.

1 (2) NO REQUEST FROM STATE OR LOCAL LAW
2 ENFORCEMENT REQUIRED.—If the Secretary collects
3 the information described in paragraph (1), the Sec-
4 retary shall—

5 (A) not later than 30 days after a response
6 described in subsection (a), request from the
7 head of the agency that so responded the infor-
8 mation described in paragraph (3)(A)(iii); and

9 (B) not later than 30 days after receiving
10 the information requested under subparagraph
11 (A), reimburse the appropriate agency.

12 (3) REQUEST FROM STATE OR LOCAL LAW EN-
13 FORCEMENT REQUIRED.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary does
15 not collect the information described in para-
16 graph (1), the head of the agency that re-
17 sponded to the request described in subsection
18 (a) made by U.S. Immigration and Customs
19 Enforcement or U.S. Customs and Border Pro-
20 tection may submit a request to the Secretary
21 for reimbursement, which request shall in-
22 clude—

23 (i) the date on which such response
24 was provided;

1 (ii) the location at which such re-
2 sponse was provided; and

3 (iii) a detailed estimate of the amount
4 to be reimbursed, including for the first re-
5 sponders who responded, the duration of
6 such response, and their rates of pay.

7 (B) PAYMENT.—Not later than 30 days
8 after receiving a request under subparagraph
9 (A), the Secretary shall reimburse the agency
10 unless the Secretary finds that no response was
11 provided by such agency.

12 (c) LIMITATION ON RELEASE OF INFORMATION.—
13 The Secretary of Homeland Security may not release the
14 personally identifiable information of any first responder
15 collected under this section, except in accordance with a
16 court order.

17 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—The Sec-
18 retary of Homeland Security shall carry out this Act using
19 unobligated amounts appropriated to the Secretary for
20 U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement or U.S. Cus-
21 toms and Border Protection, as applicable, under Public
22 Law 119–21 (commonly referred to as the “One Big
23 Beautiful Bill Act”) to remain available until January 20,
24 2029.

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