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H. R. 5217

To authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to award competitive grants to units of local government for innovative programs that address expenses incurred in responding to the needs of undocumented immigrants.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MCCARTHY (for herself, Mr. SCHWARZ of Michigan, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mrs. MALONEY, and Ms. BORDALLO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Financial Services, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Municipal Illegal Im-
5 migration Relief Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR LOCAL PROGRAMS RELATING TO UN-**
2 **DOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS.**

3 (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary is author-
4 ized to award competitive grants to units of local govern-
5 ment for innovative programs that address the increased
6 expenses incurred in responding to the needs of undocu-
7 mented immigrants.

8 (b) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—The Secretary may not
9 award a grant under this section to a unit of local govern-
10 ment in an amount which exceeds \$5,000,000.

11 (c) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—Grants awarded under
12 this section may be used for activities relating to the un-
13 documented immigrant population residing in the locality,
14 including—

- 15 (1) law enforcement activities;
- 16 (2) uncompensated health care;
- 17 (3) public housing;
- 18 (4) inmate transportation; and
- 19 (5) reduction in jail overcrowding.

20 (d) APPLICATION.—Each unit of local government
21 desiring a grant under this section shall submit an appli-
22 cation to the Secretary, at such time, in such manner, and
23 accompanied by such information as the Secretary may
24 reasonably require.

25 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
26 are authorized to be appropriated \$50,000,000 for each

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1 of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out this
2 section.

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