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To provide funding for Violent Crime Reduction Partnerships in the most violent communities in the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILDEE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Appropriations, 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 “Help Communities
5 Fight Violent Crime Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds as follows:

1 (1) Violent crime is endemic in many of our
2 Nation's great cities.

3 (2) Addressing violent crime is a moral, social,
4 and economic imperative.

5 (3) Violent crime infringes on our citizens' most
6 basic human rights by barring them from realizing
7 their full potential for advancement, happiness, and
8 safety.

9 (4) Violent crime hinders the educational, eco-
10 nomic and social advancement of citizens and com-
11 munities.

12 (5) Violent crime imposes staggering economic
13 and other costs on society.

14 (6) There are estimates that violent crime im-
15 poses nearly \$200,000,000,000 per year in direct
16 and intangible costs on our economy in addition to
17 the staggering immeasurable costs it has on victims,
18 families, and communities.

19 (7) Violent crime prevents our cities from pros-
20 pering by discouraging and preventing investment in
21 communities, infrastructure, and businesses.

22 (8) Reducing violent crime results in significant
23 savings for cities, States, and the Federal Govern-
24 ment.

1 (9) Many of our Nation's most financially trou-
2 bled cities are also the most violent, so addressing
3 violent crime is requisite to saving failing cities.

4 (10) It is impossible to address the financial
5 ails of a city without first addressing violent crime.

6 (11) Arguably the largest purely economic ben-
7 efit from reducing violent crime is the associated in-
8 crease in property value.

9 (12) There are no citizens of a city or State,
10 only citizens of the United States, and the Federal
11 Government has a responsibility to provide for the
12 safety and security of all citizens.

13 (13) The violent crime rate in many cities dem-
14 onstrates that municipalities and States alone are
15 often incapable of addressing the onslaught of vio-
16 lent crime and suffering; thus, the Federal Govern-
17 ment has a duty to help protect the lives of all of
18 its citizens.

19 (14) The Federal Government, specifically the
20 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explo-
21 sives, has unique capabilities to address violent
22 crime as demonstrated by the success it has had em-
23 ploying Violent Crime Reduction Partnerships.

24 (15) Because of the proven success of Violent
25 Crime Reduction Partnerships in stemming violent

1 crime, we need to immediately increase funding for
2 these types of programs to stop the pervasive vio-
3 lence in our communities.

4 **SEC. 3. FUNDING FOR VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION PART-**
5 **NERSHIPS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—For the conduct of Violent Crime
7 Reduction Partnerships in the 10 most violent cities in
8 the United States with a population of more than 100,000
9 individuals, as determined by the Bureau of Alcohol, To-
10 bacco, Firearms, and Explosives (in this section referred
11 to as the “Bureau”), and in any community that is in
12 close proximity to any such city (as determined by the Bu-
13 reau), there are authorized to be appropriated to the Di-
14 rector of the Bureau not more than \$25,000,000 for each
15 of fiscal years 2014 through 2018, in addition to any other
16 amounts authorized to be appropriated for such purpose
17 for any of such fiscal years.

18 (b) AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO OTHER
19 PARTNERSHIP PARTICIPANTS.—The Director of the Bu-
20 reau may transfer funds appropriated under subsection
21 (a) to any other agency or instrumentality of the Federal
22 Government that participates in a Violent Crime Reduc-
23 tion Partnership in which the Bureau participates, solely
24 for the conduct of activities under the Partnership, in such

- 1 amounts, for such periods, and subject to such other limi-
- 2 tations and conditions as the Director deems appropriate.

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