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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To require the District of Columbia to comply with federal immigration laws.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “District of Columbia
5 Federal Immigration Compliance Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SERVING**
7 **AS SANCTUARY JURISDICTION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under sub-
9 section (b), the District of Columbia may not have in ef-

1 fect a statute, ordinance, policy, or practice that prohibits
2 or restricts any entity or official of the District govern-
3 ment from—

4 (1) sending, receiving, maintaining, or exchang-
5 ing with any Federal, State, or local government en-
6 tity information regarding the citizenship or immi-
7 gration status (lawful or unlawful) of any individual;
8 or

9 (2) complying with a request lawfully made by
10 the Department of Homeland Security under section
11 236 or 287 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
12 (8 U.S.C. 1226 and 1357) to comply with a detainer
13 for, or notify about the release of, an individual.

14 (b) EXCEPTION.—The District of Columbia is not in
15 violation of subsection (a) solely because it has a policy
16 whereby its officials will not share information regarding
17 an individual who comes forward as a victim or a witness
18 to a criminal offense, or comply with a request made by
19 the Department of Homeland Security under section 236
20 or 287 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
21 1226 and 1357) to comply with a detainer regarding an
22 individual who comes forward as a victim or a witness to
23 a criminal offense.