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H. R. 3920

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MACE (for herself, Mr. GILL of Texas, and Mr. WIED) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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 “Lawless Cities Ac-
5 countability Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. NO FEDERAL FUNDS FOR LAWLESS JURISDICTIONS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—No Federal funds may be made
3 available to a jurisdiction that the Attorney General deter-
4 mines is a lawless jurisdiction.

5 (b) ATTORNEY GENERAL DETERMINATIONS.—Not
6 later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act,
7 and not less than quarterly thereafter, the Attorney Gen-
8 eral shall make determinations on which jurisdictions are
9 lawless jurisdictions, and shall make such determinations,
10 and an explanation of each determination, publicly avail-
11 able.

12 (c) REINSTATEMENT OF FEDERAL FUNDS.—A juris-
13 diction that the Attorney General determines is a lawless
14 jurisdiction may begin receiving Federal funds on the later
15 of—

16 (1) 180 days after the date on which the Attor-
17 ney General first determines that the jurisdiction is
18 lawless; or

19 (2) the date on which the Attorney General de-
20 termines that the jurisdiction is no longer a lawless
21 jurisdiction.

22 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION.**

23 In this Act, the term “lawless jurisdiction” means a
24 State or political subdivision of a State that—

1 (1) forbids a law enforcement agency from in-
2 tervening to restore order amid widespread or sus-
3 tained violence or destruction;

4 (2) has withdrawn law enforcement protection
5 from a geographical area or structure that law en-
6 forcement officers are lawfully entitled to access, but
7 have been officially prevented from accessing or per-
8 mitted to access only in exceptional circumstances,
9 except when law enforcement officers are briefly
10 withheld as a tactical decision intended to resolve
11 safely and expeditiously a specific and ongoing un-
12 lawful incident posing an imminent threat to the
13 safety of individuals or law enforcement officers;

14 (3) disempowers or defunds law enforcement
15 agencies; or

16 (4) refuses to accept an offer of law enforce-
17 ment assistance from the Federal Government amid
18 widespread or sustained violence or destruction in
19 the jurisdiction, during which the jurisdiction has
20 been unable to restore order.

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