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To prohibit in the District of Columbia an individual charged with an offense from being released pending trial without executing an secured appearance bond.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BIGGS of Arizona (for himself, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. NEHLS, and Mr. HARRIS of Maryland) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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 “Keep Offenders Off
5 Our Streets Act.”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ON RE-**
2 **LEASE OF INDIVIDUAL CHARGED WITH OF-**
3 **FENSE PENDING TRIAL WITHOUT EXECUTING**
4 **A SECURED APPEARANCE BOND.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Council of the District of Co-
6 lumbia may not enact, and the Mayor of the District of
7 Columbia may not enforce, any act, resolution, regulation,
8 or other requirement which permits an individual charged
9 with an offense in the District of Columbia who appears
10 before a judicial officer, as defined in section 23–1331(1),
11 District of Columbia Official Code, to be released, pending
12 trial, without such person executing a bail bond with sol-
13 vent sureties in whatever amount is reasonably necessary
14 to assure the appearance of the individual as required.

15 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

16 (1) REPEAL OF RELEASE ON PERSONAL RECOG-
17 NIZANCE.—Section 23–1321 District of Columbia 11
18 Official Code, is amended—

19 (A) in subsection (a)—

20 (i) by striking subsection (1); and

21 (ii) redesignating subsections (2), (3),
22 and (4) as subsections (1), (2), and (3),
23 respectively;

24 (B) by striking subsection (b);

(C) by redesignating subsections (c), (d), and (e) as subsections (b), (c), and (d), respectively; and

(D) in subsection (b), as so redesignated—

(i) in subsection (1), by striking everything before “the judicial officer”;

(ii) in subsection (A), by striking “and” after the semicolon;

(iii) redesignating subsection (B) as subsection (C);

(iv) after subsection (A), insert the following:

“(B) Execution of a bail bond with solvent sureties in whatever amount is reasonably necessary to assure the appearance of the person as required; and”; and

(v) in subsection (C), as so redesignated, strike subsection (xii), and redesignate subsection (xiv) as subsection (xiii).

(2) INCLUSION OF PROHIBITION IN HOME RULE ACT.—Section 602(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act (sec. 1–206.02(a), D.C. Official Code) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (9), by striking “office; or” and inserting a “office;”;

1 (B) in paragraph (10), by striking the pe-
2 riod at the end and inserting “; or”; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following new
4 paragraph:

5 “(11) enact any act, resolution, regulation or
6 other requirement which permits a person charged
7 with an offense in the District of Columbia to be re-
8 leased, pending trial, without such person executing
9 an bail bond with solvent sureties in whatever
10 amount is reasonably necessary to assure the ap-
11 pearance of the person as required.”.

12 (c) APPLICABILITY.—This Act, and the amendments
13 made by this Act, shall apply with respect to an individual
14 charged with an offense in the District of Columbia who
15 appears before a judicial officer, as defined in section 23–
16 1331(1), District of Columbia Official Code, before, on,
17 or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

18 (d) SEVERABILITY.—If, for any reason, any provision
19 of this Act, or an amendment made by this Act, is held
20 invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the
21 remaining provisions of this Act.

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