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To require U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to take into custody certain aliens who have been charged in the United States with a crime that resulted in the death or serious bodily injury of another person, and for other purposes.

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Mr. FEENSTRA (for himself, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. ESTES, Mr. BOST, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. BACON, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Ms. MACE, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. MEUSER, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. BABIN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. SCHMIDT, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona, Mr. EVANS of Colorado, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. WIED, Mr. OGLES, Mr. BRECHEEN, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. RULLI, Mr. DOWNING, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. McDOWELL, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina, and Mr. MCCORMICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To require U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to take into custody certain aliens who have been charged in the United States with a crime that resulted in the death or serious bodily injury of another person, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as “Sarah’s Law”.

3 **SEC. 2. MANDATORY DETENTION OF CERTAIN ALIENS**
 4 **CHARGED WITH A CRIME RESULTING IN**
 5 **DEATH OR SERIOUS BODILY INJURY.**

6 Section 236(c) of the Immigration and Nationality
 7 Act (8 U.S.C. 1226(c)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (1)—

9 (A) in subparagraph (C)—

10 (i) by striking “sentence” and insert-
 11 ing “sentenced”; and

12 (ii) by striking “or”;

13 (B) in subparagraph (D), by striking the
 14 comma at the end and inserting “, or”; and

15 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (D)
 16 the following:

17 “(E)(i)(I) is inadmissible under paragraph
 18 (6)(A), (6)(C), or (7) of section 212(a),

19 “(II) is deportable under section
 20 237(a)(1)(B) as an alien whose nonimmigrant
 21 visa (or other documentation authorizing admis-
 22 sion into the United States as a nonimmigrant)
 23 has been revoked under section 221(i), or

24 “(III) is deportable under section
 25 237(a)(1)(C)(i), and

“(ii) is charged with, is arrested for, is convicted of, admits having committed, or admits committing acts which constitute the essential elements of any offense that resulted in the death or serious bodily injury (as defined in section 1365(h)(3) of title 18, United States Code) of another person,”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(3) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—Upon encountering or gaining knowledge of an alien described in paragraph (1), the Secretary of Homeland Security shall—

“(A) obtain information from law enforcement agencies and from other available sources regarding the identity of any victims of the crimes for which such alien was charged, arrested, or convicted; and

“(B) provide the victim or, if the victim is deceased, a parent, guardian, spouse, or closest living relative of such victim, with information, on a timely and ongoing basis, including—

“(i) the alien’s full name, aliases, date of birth, and country of nationality;

“(ii) the alien’s immigration status and criminal history;

1 “(iii) the alien’s custody status and
2 any changes related to the alien’s custody;
3 and

4 “(iv) a description of any efforts by
5 the United States Government to remove
6 the alien from the United States.

7 “(4) DETAINER.—The Secretary of Homeland
8 Security shall issue a detainer for an alien described
9 in paragraph (1)(E) and, if the alien is not other-
10 wise detained by Federal, State, or local officials,
11 shall effectively and expeditiously take custody of the
12 alien.”.

13 **SEC. 3. SAVINGS PROVISION.**

14 Nothing in this Act, or the amendments made by this
15 Act, may be construed to limit the rights of crime victims
16 under any other provision of law, including section 3771
17 of title 18, United States Code.

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