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To provide for a limitation on the obligation of funds for certain immigration enforcement purposes until a report on the use of databases by immigration officers is submitted.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PINGREE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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

To provide for a limitation on the obligation of funds for certain immigration enforcement purposes until a report on the use of databases by immigration officers is submitted.

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 “Stop ICE Intimidation
5 Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON OBLIGATION OF FUNDS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than 30 days
3 after the date of enactment of this Act, and until the date
4 a report is submitted under subsection (b) the Secretary
5 of Homeland Security may not obligate any amounts made
6 available in any Act for—

7 (1) the operation of biometric or other surveil-
8 lance system, including the Intelligence Records Sys-
9 tem of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement;

10 (2) the entry into or continuation of any con-
11 tract for the operation of any such system; or

12 (3) the hiring of additional officers, agents, or
13 employees at the U.S. Immigration and Customs
14 Enforcement.

15 (b) REPORT DESCRIBED.—A report under this sec-
16 tion shall comply with the following:

17 (1) Such report shall be submitted to the Com-
18 mittees on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
19 resentatives and of the Senate, the Committees on
20 the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and of
21 the Senate, the Committee on Homeland Security of
22 the House of Representatives, and the Committee on
23 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the
24 Senate; and

25 (2) Such report shall set forth a policy of U.S.
26 Immigration and Customs Enforcement governing

1 use of biometric or other surveillance systems, in-
2 cluding the Intelligence Records System, in enforce-
3 ment or removal operations under the immigration
4 laws (as such term is defined under section 101(a)
5 of the Immigration and Nationality Act) that—

6 (A) prohibits that the use of such a system
7 to access or store information pertaining to per-
8 son that was collected because that person was
9 exercising any right or privilege protected by
10 the Constitution of the United States; and

11 (B) rules for—

12 (i) the use of such information;

13 (ii) identification of persons are per-
14 mitted to access such information;

15 (iii) storage of such information and
16 what protections are in place to prevent
17 unauthorized access to such information
18 and the misuse of such information by any
19 person who gains such unauthorized ac-
20 cess;

21 (iv) how long such information will be
22 retained and how it will be removed from
23 the system thereafter;

24 (v) providing notice to any person
25 whose information is included in the sys-

1 tem and an opportunity to review, contest,
2 or remove such information if it is deter-
3 mined that such information was collected
4 while such person was exercising any right
5 or privilege protected by the Constitution
6 of the United States;

7 (vi) how activities protected under the
8 First Amendment will not be identified as
9 “credible threat activity”;

10 (vii) identification of what activities
11 may be lawfully identified as “having made
12 a credible threat against ICE personnel or
13 facilities” (as such term is referred to in
14 subclause 13 under the heading “Cat-
15 egories of Individuals Covered by the Sys-
16 tem” of the System of Records Notice pub-
17 lished in the Federal Register on July 21,
18 2025 (90 Fed. Reg. 34282));

19 (viii) detailed information on the costs
20 of such databases and the contracts related
21 to the use, creation, and maintenance of
22 such databases;

23 (ix) how officers and employees of
24 U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforce-

1 ment are complying with local law pro-
2 viding for privacy protections; and

3 (x) what training such officers and
4 employees receive regarding compliance
5 with the law in jurisdictions where facial
6 recognition software is prohibited.

7 (c) COMPLIANCE.—All information collected by an
8 immigration officer (as such term is defined in section
9 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act) for use
10 or inclusion in or derived from a biometric or other surveil-
11 lance system, including the Intelligence Records System
12 of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, during
13 the period beginning January 1, 2026, and ending on date
14 of enactment of this Act, shall be deleted and removed
15 from such system not later than the date that is 30 days
16 after the date of enactment of this Act unless the Sec-
17 retary, by rule (including as an interim final rulemaking),
18 establishes the policy described in section 2(b)(2).

19 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.**

20 No funds made available to the Secretary of Home-
21 land Security under any provision of law may be used to
22 restrict the ability of an individual to record or document
23 enforcement or removal operations under the immigration
24 laws (as such term is defined under section 101(a) of the

- 1 Immigration and Nationality Act) to the extent that such
- 2 actions do not interfere or obstruct such operations.

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