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H. R. 9598

To prohibit the use of Federal, State, foreign, or private funds to install permanent fencing around Lafayette Square.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 6, 2026

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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 “No Fencing at Lafay-
5 ette Square Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING USE OF FUNDS FOR PERMANENT**
7 **FENCING AROUND LAFAYETTE SQUARE.**

8 (a) PROHIBITION.—No Federal, State, foreign, or
9 private funds may be used to install permanent fencing
10 around Lafayette Square.

1 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in sub-
2 section (a) shall be construed to prohibit the repair or re-
3 placement of fencing that was in existence on the date of
4 enactment of this Act around Lafayette Square.

5 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) LAFAYETTE SQUARE.—The term “Lafayette
7 Square” means the Federal park located in Wash-
8 ington, DC, bound by—

9 (A) H Street Northwest on the north;

10 (B) Madison Place Northwest on the east;

11 (C) Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest on the
12 south; and

13 (D) Jackson Place Northwest on the west.

14 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means any
15 State of the United States, the District of Columbia,
16 or any territory or possession or political subdivision
17 thereof.

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