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To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to reimburse each State and local first responder agency for the cost of responding to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement or U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

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 “Recovering Expended
5 Costs from Operationally Unwarranted Policing Act of
6 2026” or “RECOUP Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. REIMBURSEMENT FOR FIRST RESPONDER RE-**
2 **SPONSE TO IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT**
3 **ACTIVITIES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
5 rity shall reimburse each State and local first responder
6 agency that responds for a request for assistance related
7 to enforcing the immigration laws (as such term is defined
8 in section 101 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
9 U.S.C. 1101)) made by U.S. Immigration and Customs
10 Enforcement or U.S. Customs and Border Protection for
11 the cost of such response.

12 (b) PROCESS.—

13 (1) COLLECTION OF INFORMATION.—To the ex-
14 tent practicable, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
15 rity, acting through the officer of U.S. Immigration
16 and Customs Enforcement or U.S. Customs and
17 Border Protection who made the request described
18 in subsection (a), shall collect from each State and
19 local first responder that responds, the first respond-
20 er's name, badge number, agency name, and agency
21 contact information.

22 (2) NO REQUEST FROM STATE OR LOCAL LAW
23 ENFORCEMENT REQUIRED.—If the Secretary collects
24 the information described in paragraph (1), the Sec-
25 retary shall—

1 (A) not later than 30 days after a response
2 described in subsection (a), request from the
3 head of the agency that so responded the infor-
4 mation described in paragraph (3)(A)(iii); and

5 (B) not later than 30 days after receiving
6 the information requested under subparagraph
7 (A), reimburse the appropriate agency.

8 (3) REQUEST FROM STATE OR LOCAL LAW EN-
9 FORCEMENT REQUIRED.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary does
11 not collect the information described in para-
12 graph (1), the head of the agency that re-
13 sponded to the request described in subsection
14 (a) made by U.S. Immigration and Customs
15 Enforcement or U.S. Customs and Border Pro-
16 tection may submit a request to the Secretary
17 for reimbursement, which request shall in-
18 clude—

19 (i) the date on which such response
20 was provided;

21 (ii) the location at which such re-
22 sponse was provided; and

23 (iii) a detailed estimate of the amount
24 to be reimbursed, including for the first re-
25 sponders who provided responded, the du-

1 ration of such response, and their rates of
2 pay.

3 (B) PAYMENT.—Not later than 30 days
4 after receiving a request under subparagraph
5 (A), the Secretary shall reimburse the agency
6 unless the Secretary finds that no response was
7 provided by such agency. .

8 (c) LIMITATION ON RELEASE OF INFORMATION.—
9 The Secretary of Homeland Security may not release the
10 personally identifiable information of any first responder
11 collected under this section, except in accordance with a
12 court order.

13 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—The Sec-
14 retary of Homeland Security shall carry out this Act using
15 unobligated amounts appropriated to the Secretary for
16 U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement or U.S. Cus-
17 toms and Border Protection, as applicable, under Public
18 Law 119–21 (commonly referred to as the “One Big
19 Beautiful Bill Act”) to remain available until January 20,
20 2029.