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118TH CONGRESS  
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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To prohibit a jurisdiction that defunds the police from receiving grants under certain Economic Development Assistance Programs and the Community Development Block Grant Program.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. FITZPATRICK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

To prohibit a jurisdiction that defunds the police from receiving grants under certain Economic Development Assistance Programs and the Community Development Block Grant Program.

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 “Defund Cities that  
5 Defund the Police Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFUNDING JURISDICTION DEFINED.**

2 For purposes of this Act, the term “defunding juris-  
3 diction” means a State or political subdivision of a State  
4 that—

5 (1) abolishes or disbands the police department  
6 with no intention of reconstituting the jurisdiction’s  
7 police department; or

8 (2) significantly reduces the police department’s  
9 budget without reallocating a portion of that money  
10 to any other community policing program, provided  
11 that the jurisdiction did not face a significant de-  
12 crease in revenues in the previous fiscal year.

13 **SEC. 3. DEFUNDING JURISDICTIONS INELIGIBLE FOR CER-**  
14 **TAIN FEDERAL FUNDS.**

15 (a) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION  
16 GRANTS.—

17 (1) GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND ECO-  
18 NOMIC DEVELOPMENT.—Section 201(b) of the Pub-  
19 lic Works and Economic Development Act of 1965  
20 (42 U.S.C. 3141(b)) is amended—

21 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at  
22 the end;

23 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking the pe-  
24 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

25 (C) by adding at the end the following:

1           “(4) the area in which the project is to be car-  
2           ried out is not a defunding jurisdiction (as defined  
3           in section 2 of the Defund Cities that Defund the  
4           Police Act of 2023).”.

5           (2) GRANTS FOR PLANNING AND ADMINISTRA-  
6           TIVE EXPENSES.—Section 203(a) of the Public  
7           Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42  
8           U.S.C. 3143(a)) is amended by adding at the end  
9           the following: “A defunding jurisdiction (as defined  
10          in section 2 of the Defund Cities that Defund the  
11          Police Act of 2023) may not be deemed an eligible  
12          recipient under this subsection.”.

13          (3) SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.—Section 205(a)  
14          of the Public Works and Economic Development Act  
15          of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3145(a)) is amended—

16                 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at  
17                 the end;

18                 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking the pe-  
19                 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

20                 (C) by adding at the end the following:

21                 “(4) will be carried out in an area that does not  
22                 contain a defunding jurisdiction (as defined in sec-  
23                 tion 2 of the Defund Cities that Defund the Police  
24                 Act of 2023).”.

1           (4) GRANTS FOR TRAINING, RESEARCH, AND  
2           TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Section 207 of the Public  
3           Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42  
4           U.S.C. 3147) is amended by adding at the end the  
5           following:

6           “(c) INELIGIBILITY OF DEFUNDING JURISDIC-  
7           TIONS.—Grant funds under this section may not be used  
8           to provide assistance to a defunding jurisdiction (as de-  
9           fined in section 2 of the Defund Cities that Defund the  
10          Police Act of 2023).”.

11          (b) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS.—  
12          Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act  
13          of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) is amended—

14                 (1) in section 102(a) (42 U.S.C. 5302(a)), by  
15                 adding at the end the following:

16                         “(25) The term ‘defunding jurisdiction’ has the  
17                         meaning given such term in section 2 of the Defund  
18                         Cities that Defund the Police Act of 2023.”; and

19                 (2) in section 104 (42 U.S.C. 5304)—

20                         (A) subsection (b)—

21                                 (i) in paragraph (5), by striking  
22                                 “and” at the end;

23                                 (ii) by redesignating paragraph (6) as  
24                                 paragraph (7); and

1 (iii) by inserting after paragraph (5)  
2 the following:

3 “(6) the grantee is not a defunding injection ju-  
4 risdiction and will not become a defunding jurisdic-  
5 tion during the period for which the grantee receives  
6 a grant under this title; and”;

7 (B) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(n) PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUALS AGAINST  
9 CRIME.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—No funds made available to  
11 carry out this title may be obligated or expended for  
12 any State or unit of general local government that  
13 is a defunding jurisdiction.

14 “(2) RETURNED AMOUNTS.—

15 “(A) STATE.—If a State is a defunding ju-  
16 risdiction during the period for which it receives  
17 amounts under this title, the Secretary—

18 “(i) shall direct the State to imme-  
19 diately return to the Secretary any such  
20 amounts that the State received for that  
21 period; and

22 “(ii) shall reallocate amounts returned  
23 under clause (i) for grants under this title  
24 to other States that are not defunding ju-  
25 rdictions.

1           “(B) UNIT OF GENERAL LOCAL GOVERN-  
2           MENT.—If a unit of general local government is  
3           a defunding jurisdiction during the period for  
4           which it receives amounts under this title, any  
5           such amounts that the unit of general local gov-  
6           ernment received for that period—

7                   “(i) in the case of a unit of general  
8                   local government that is not in a non-  
9                   entitlement area, shall be returned to the  
10                  Secretary for grants under this title to  
11                  States and other units of general local gov-  
12                  ernment that are not defunding jurisdic-  
13                  tions; and

14                   “(ii) in the case of a unit of general  
15                   local government that is in a nonentitle-  
16                   ment area, shall be returned to the Gov-  
17                   ernor of the State for grants under this  
18                   title to other units of general local govern-  
19                   ment in the State that are not defunding  
20                   jurisdictions.

21           “(C) REALLOCATION RULES.—In reallo-  
22           cating amounts under subparagraphs (A) and  
23           (B), the Secretary shall—

24                   “(i) apply the relevant allocation for-  
25                   mula under subsection (b) or (d) of section

1                   106, with all defunding jurisdictions ex-  
2                   cluded; and  
3                   “ (ii) shall not be subject to the rules  
4                   for reallocation under section 106(c).”.