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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. STEFANIK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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 “Stop Enabling Repeat  
5 Violence and Endangering Our Communities Act” or the  
6 “SERVE Our Communities Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM.**

2 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Attorney General, acting  
3 through the Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance,  
4 is authorized to make grants to eligible States and units  
5 of local government for the purposes described in sub-  
6 section (c).

7 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—In order to be eligible for a grant  
8 under this section, a State or unit of local government—

9 (1) shall allow a State court or magistrate to  
10 consider the danger an individual poses to the com-  
11 munity when determining bail or pretrial release  
12 conditions; and

13 (2) shall have taken steps during the previous  
14 calendar year to prevent repeat offenses by violent  
15 offenders, including—

16 (A) enacting a law that allows a State  
17 court or magistrate to consider the danger an  
18 individual poses to the community when deter-  
19 mining bail or pretrial release conditions;

20 (B) expanding efforts of that jurisdiction  
21 to hire and retain law enforcement officers and  
22 prosecutorial staff; or

23 (C) administering a public education pro-  
24 gram to combat anti-police sentiment and im-  
25 prove community-police relations.

1           (c) USE OF FUNDS.—A State or unit of local govern-  
2 ment that receives a grant under this section may use such  
3 funds for the purposes described in section 211(b) of the  
4 Second Chance Act of 2007 (34 U.S.C. 60531(b)).

5           (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
6 authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for each of fis-  
7 cal years 2024 through 2029 to carry out this section.

8           (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “State”  
9 and “unit of local government” have the meanings given  
10 such terms in section 901 of the Omnibus Crime Control  
11 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10251).