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The “Stop Dangerous Sanctuary Cities Act” Will Put Critical Community and Public Works Funding at Risk

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This week the Senate will skip the committee process and go directly to the floor as Sen. Majority Leader Mitch McConnell brings up a vote on the “Stop Dangerous Sanctuary Cities Act” (S. 3100), sponsored by Senators Pat Toomey (R-PA) and Jim Inhofe (R-OK). This [proposal](#) will put millions of dollars of funding for federal infrastructure, economic development, public housing, schools, and hospitals in jeopardy for cities and counties with community trust policies. These [law enforcement-backed](#) policies increase public safety by nurturing trust between law enforcement officials and the communities they police. Nevertheless, they are being targeted by conservatives who want to turn police officers into deportation agents. Rather than letting local officials and law enforcement decide how best to protect their communities, this bill attempts to bully them to adopt harmful one-size fits-all policies by threatening to withhold critical funding streams.

The bill targets the Economic Development Administration Grants and the Community Development Block Grants, which allow cities and states across the nation to invest in building stronger and safer communities. The table below lists states that would be in danger of losing significant funding:

State	<u>Economic Development Administration Grants</u> (FY15)	<u>Community Development Block Grants</u> (FY15)	State total
Arizona	\$0	\$5,118,094	\$5,118,094
California**	\$18,742,939	\$147,497,734	\$166,240,673
Colorado	\$3,325,215	\$11,331,649	\$14,656,864
Connecticut**	\$1,450,360	\$3,253,503	\$4,703,863
Florida	\$1,168,600	\$29,863,816	\$31,032,416
Georgia	\$1,139,299	\$8,957,005	\$10,096,304
Iowa	\$421,500	\$0	\$421,500
Illinois	\$1,086,625	\$81,520,721	\$82,607,346
Kansas	\$1,069,075	\$1,288,241	\$2,357,316
Kentucky	\$0	\$10,303,957	\$10,303,957
Louisiana	\$1,200,000	\$11,321,170	\$12,521,170
Maryland	\$0	\$28,154,742	\$28,154,742
Massachusetts	\$170,000	\$22,969,157	\$23,139,157
Minnesota	\$526,512	\$7,102,983	\$7,629,495
Nebraska	\$991,000	\$0	\$991,000
New Jersey	\$598,540	\$13,534,143	\$14,132,683
New Mexico	\$4,066,836	\$0	\$4,066,836
Nevada	\$1,765,600	\$11,398,033	\$13,163,633

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New York	\$4,850,495	\$180,224,166	\$185,074,661
Oregon	\$1,124,885	\$4,585,047	\$5,709,932
Pennsylvania	\$3,050,000	\$59,532,735	\$62,582,735
Rhode Island**	\$0	\$4,892,198	\$4,892,198
Texas	\$0	\$1,906,363	\$1,906,363
Washington	\$0	\$13,416,799	\$13,416,799
Wisconsin	\$846,209	\$1,379,572	\$2,225,781

Note: All figures rounded.

** Statewide community trust policy.

Methodology:

The calculations above are based upon adding up the individual funding that each jurisdiction (cities and counties) purported to have a community trust policy in a given state receives, as well as state-level funding for states that have community trust policies, for each of the programs listed above. In each of the states listed, one or more localities are reported to have a community trust policy based on research by the Immigrant Legal Resource Center.

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