**BACKGROUND:**

- "Sanctuary City" is a term given to any city, locality, or state that has policies designed to protect and shelter illegal immigrants, including those that committed additional crimes since entering the U.S.
  - These jurisdictions do not allow municipal funds or resources to be used to enforce federal immigration law.
  - This includes not allowing police or municipal employees to inquire about an individual’s immigration status or not allowing police to work with federal officers on immigration.
- A “detainer” is a document by which Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) informs another law enforcement agency of its interest in an illegal immigrant.
  - A detainer tells the local law enforcement agency to hold the illegal immigrant until ICE can take custody and ultimately deport the illegal immigrant.
- The problem of sanctuary jurisdictions is getting worse each year as more cities release criminal illegal immigrants back onto our streets.
  - Since October 2018, 50 criminal illegal immigrants commit a crime, are arrested by local law enforcement, and then released back in the community every single day.

**PROTECTING AMERICAN LIVES ACT:**

- Introduced by Congressman Lance Gooden (R-TX) on May 23, 2019
- Clearly defines sanctuary jurisdictions and prohibits sanctuary policies that violate federal law
- Prohibits federal law enforcement funds from going to states and cities that do not comply with detainer requests
- Requires state and local jurisdictions to comply with ICE detainers
- Provides protections for law enforcement officers that comply with an ICE detainer in case they are later sued by an illegal immigrant
- Makes it illegal for a state or local government to fire or discriminate against one of its law enforcement officers for following federal law
- Increases the minimum mandatory prison sentence for illegal re-entry from two years to five years
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Current Sanctuary City Legislation in the House of Representatives:

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• Targeted ban on federal funding for sanctuary cities
• Protects American citizens from violent criminals
• Requires rogue cities to ENFORCE THE LAW

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