

# **The Homeland Security Continuity and Accountability Act**

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**Endorsements:** American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE)

## **Problem:**

The government is currently in a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) shutdown, meaning that many DHS components, including the Coast Guard, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), lack funding to continue operating as usual. For example, DHS's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) is operating with just over a third of its staff. However, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) can continue to operate fully due to the [over \\$150 billion allocated to them](#) in President Trump's "One Big Beautiful Bill Act"(OBBBA).

As negotiations continue over the proper guardrails for ICE and CBP to ensure they act within the law and keep communities safe, other critical DHS workers will be forced to work without pay or furloughed, and necessary programs will not be fully operational. Especially as the United States enters direct conflict with Iran, DHS must have the ability to fully fund and operate components like the Coast Guard, CISA, TSA, FEMA, and the Office of Intelligence and Analysis that are necessary for our national security and emergency response. A continued DHS shutdown without intervention also means some Federal employees will be unable to support their families due to Congress's dysfunction.

## **Solution:**

Our bill would give the DHS Secretary the authority to transfer funds previously allocated to ICE and CBP under OBBBA to other DHS components during shutdowns. This would allow the Secretary to ensure that all necessary DHS functions continue and that staff receive paychecks as Congress negotiates needed guardrails for immigration enforcement.

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