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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana 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 Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Finish the Wall Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. BORDER WALL SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION.**

2 (a)(1) IMMEDIATELY RESUME BORDER WALL SYS-  
3 TEM CONSTRUCTION.—Not later than 24 hours after the  
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-  
5 land Security shall resume all activities related to the con-  
6 struction of the border barrier system (also known as, and  
7 referred to in this Act as, the “border wall system”) along  
8 the international border between the United States and  
9 Mexico that were underway or being planned for prior to  
10 January 20, 2021.

11 (2) NO CANCELLATIONS.—The Secretary of Home-  
12 land Security may not cancel any contract for activities  
13 related to border wall system construction referred to in  
14 paragraph (1) that was entered into on or before January  
15 20, 2021.

16 (3) USE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary of Homeland  
17 Security shall expend all funds appropriated or explicitly  
18 obligated for border wall system construction referred to  
19 in paragraph (1) that were appropriated or obligated, as  
20 the case may be, beginning on October 1, 2016, to carry  
21 out this Act.

22 (4) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR BORDER WALL  
23 SYSTEM.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enact-  
24 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall  
25 submit to the appropriate congressional committees an im-  
26 plementation plan to complete, by not later than Sep-

1 tember 30, 2024, border wall system construction referred  
2 to in paragraph (1) and funded in accordance with para-  
3 graph (3).

4 (b) PLAN TO COMPLETE TACTICAL INFRASTRUC-  
5 TURE AND TECHNOLOGY ELEMENTS OF BORDER WALL  
6 SYSTEM.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the  
7 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security  
8 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees  
9 an implementation plan, including quarterly benchmarks  
10 and cost estimates, for satisfying all requirements of bor-  
11 der wall system construction referred to in subsection  
12 (a)(1), including tactical infrastructure, technology, and  
13 other elements as identified by the Department of Home-  
14 land Security prior to January 20, 2021, through the ex-  
15 penditure of funds appropriated or explicitly obligated, as  
16 the case may be, for use beginning on October 1, 2016,  
17 as well as any future funds appropriated by Congress.

18 (c) UPHOLD NEGOTIATED AGREEMENTS.—The Sec-  
19 retary of Homeland Security shall ensure that all agree-  
20 ments executed in writing between the Department of  
21 Homeland Security and private citizens, State, local, and  
22 Tribal governments, and other stakeholders are honored  
23 by the Department relating to current and future border  
24 wall system construction as required by such agreements.

1   **SEC. 3. DNA COLLECTION CONSISTENT WITH FEDERAL**  
2                   **LAW.**

3           Not later than 14 days after the date of the enact-  
4   ment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall  
5   ensure and certify to the Committee on Homeland Secu-  
6   rity of the House of Representatives and the Committee  
7   on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the  
8   Senate that U.S. Customs and Border Protection is fully  
9   compliant with the DNA Fingerprint Act of 2005 at all  
10   border facilities that process adults, including as part of  
11   a family unit, in the custody of U.S. Customs and Border  
12   Protection at the border.

13   **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

14       In this Act:

15           **(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
16   TEES.**—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
17   mittees” means the Committee on Homeland Secu-  
18   rity and the Committee on Appropriations of the  
19   House of Representatives and the Committee on  
20   Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and  
21   the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

22           **(2) TACTICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.**—The term  
23   “tactical infrastructure” includes boat ramps, access  
24   gates, checkpoints, lighting, and roads associated  
25   with a border wall system.

