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H. R. 1497

To require all deportation officers of U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement to wear body cameras when engaged in field operations and removal proceedings, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CLARKE of New York (for herself, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. LEE, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. BASS, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. EVANS, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. SOTO, and Ms. KELLY of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To require all deportation officers of U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement to wear body cameras when engaged in field operations and removal proceedings, and for other purposes.

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 “ICE Body Camera Act
5 of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Body cameras employed in police actions
4 have led to increases in public trust and decreases
5 in police violence.

6 (2) Employing body cameras in police actions
7 makes enforcement actions safer for law enforce-
8 ment officers and members of the general public
9 alike while restoring trust and accountability in the
10 process.

11 **SEC. 3. USE OF BODY CAMERAS BY CERTAIN ICE OFFICERS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after
13 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of U.S.
14 Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) shall en-
15 sure that all deportation officers of Enforcement and Re-
16 moval Operations of ICE wear body cameras when such
17 officers are engaged in field operations or removal pro-
18 ceedings.

19 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—To carry out subsection (a),
20 the Director of ICE shall, not later than 12 months after
21 the date of the enactment of this Act—

22 (1) establish policies and procedures for when
23 deportation officers of Enforcement and Removal
24 Operations of ICE should wear, activate, and deacti-
25 vate body cameras;

1 (2) develop standards for the effective place-
2 ment of such cameras;

3 (3) publish and implement best practices for re-
4 ceiving and storing accurate recordings from such
5 cameras;

6 (4) establish guidelines and training for such
7 officers on the proper management and use of such
8 cameras; and

9 (5) establish policies for the availability of such
10 recordings to the subjects of removal proceedings,
11 victims of crime, internal use by law enforcement of-
12 ficials, and the general public.

13 **SEC. 4. RECORDINGS TO BE PROVIDED TO CERTAIN PER-**
14 **SONS.**

15 A recording made by a body camera worn by a depor-
16 tation officer during an enforcement action shall be pro-
17 vided, in the case of any administrative proceeding (in-
18 cluding a removal proceeding), civil action, or criminal
19 prosecution to which such recording pertains, to each
20 party to the proceeding, action, or prosecution.

21 **SEC. 5. WITHHOLDING OF CERTAIN FUNDS.**

22 Any funds necessary to purchase, store, use, or main-
23 tain body cameras described in this Act shall be derived

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- 1 from funds made available to purchase new weapons for
- 2 ICE officials.

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