

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Republicans in Congress are moving swiftly to punish cities that decline to devote resources to enforcing federal immigration laws and they have already introduced several measures to block federal funds from municipalities; and

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2017, Congressman Lou Barletta (R-PA) introduced HR 83, known as the Mobilizing Against Sanctuary Cities Act, to prohibit any state or local government in violation of section 642 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996 from receiving any federal funds; and

WHEREAS, while this is the third time Congressman Barletta has introduced a bill targeting sanctuary cities, HR 83 has a greater chance of passing given President Trump's vow to cut federal funding to such cities within the first 100 days in office; and

WHEREAS, HR 83 directs the Attorney General to compile and issue an annual report on compliance of states and cities; and

WHEREAS, any jurisdiction that is found to be out of compliance would be ineligible for federal financial assistance for a minimum of one year; and

WHEREAS, according to the New York Times, there are approximately 400 cities and counties that could be impacted by these punitive actions; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles receives tens of millions of dollars from the federal government to provide critical services to the residents of this city; and

WHEREAS, any cuts to federal funding could severely limit the services the city can provide, impact infrastructure and capital improvement projects, jeopardize public safety and cause a budget crisis;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby opposes HR 83, the Mobilizing Against Sanctuary Cities Act.

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