

NO FUNDING FOR LAWLESS JURISDICTIONS ACT



BACKGROUND

America is facing a crime epidemic.

- Look no further than Charlotte, North Carolina, where in August of this year, [Iryna Zarutsky was brutally murdered](#) by a mentally-ill former convict with 14 prior arrests, Decarlos Brown Jr.
- In January, Magistrate Judge Teresa Stokes presided over Brown's arrest for misuse of the 911 system, where despite his questionable mental state and extensive criminal background, she released him with no bond, [only requiring a written notice to appear](#) for his day in court.
- Iryna's death was a preventable tragedy. This is the natural result of [years of soft-on-crime policies](#) in Democrat-run cities and states. From Charlotte's efforts to [divert 911 calls](#) away from police officers, then-Governor Roy Cooper's taskforce to [eliminate cash bail](#) and deemphasize felonies, and Mecklenburg County's [payments from pro-crime foundations](#), it's clear that NC leadership cares more about criminals than victims.
- Federal dollars should not prop up failed policies that fuel the crime epidemic.

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This bill prohibits federal taxpayer dollars from subsidizing jurisdictions that actively undermine public safety. Specifically, the bill:

- Bars [Community Oriented Policing Services \(COPS\) grants](#) from going to urban areas that have defunded their police force.
 - Does not apply if the jurisdiction has had revenue loss across the board.
- Prevents [Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant \(JAG\)](#) dollars from going to jurisdictions that have cashless bail policies for violent criminals or former convicts.

BOTTOMLINE

The ***No Funding for Lawless Jurisdictions Act*** ensures that federal taxpayers are not forced to bankroll dangerous, pro-crime policies in Democrat-run cities. States and local communities that refuse to invest in law enforcement or implement policies that deter crime should not expect Washington to foot the bill.