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S. 3901

To provide grants to transit operators and airports for human trafficking awareness, education, and prevention efforts, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. CORTEZ MASTO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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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 “Reduce Human Traf-
5 ficking through Transportation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HUMAN TRAF-**
7 **FICKING PREVENTION GRANTS.**

8 (a) URBANIZED AREA FORMULA GRANTS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts made avail-
10 able for each fiscal year to carry out section 5307

1 of title 49, United States Code, the Secretary of
2 Transportation (referred to in this section as the
3 “Secretary”) shall set aside \$5,000,000 to provide
4 grants to entities described in paragraph (2)(A) to
5 address human trafficking awareness, education, and
6 prevention efforts, including by—

7 (A) coordinating human trafficking preven-
8 tion efforts across multimodal transportation
9 operations within a community; and

10 (B) accomplishing the best practices and
11 recommendations provided by the Department
12 of Transportation Advisory Committee on
13 Human Trafficking.

14 (2) DISTRIBUTION.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
16 distribute amounts set aside under paragraph
17 (1) to—

18 (i) the 50 transit operators in the
19 United States with the highest annual rid-
20 ership, based on the most recent data
21 available; and

22 (ii) as the Secretary determines to be
23 appropriate, a transit operator not de-
24 scribed in clause (i) that serves an area
25 with a high prevalence of human traf-

1 ficking, on application of the transit oper-
 2 ator.

3 (B) PRIORITY; CONSIDERATIONS.—In dis-
 4 tributing the amounts under paragraph (1), the
 5 Secretary shall—

6 (i) give priority in grant amounts to
 7 entities referred to in subparagraph (A)
 8 that serve regions with a higher prevalence
 9 of human trafficking; and

10 (ii) take into consideration the effect
 11 the amounts would have on surrounding
 12 areas.

13 (C) CONSULTATION.—In distributing the
 14 amounts under paragraph (1), the Secretary
 15 shall consult with the Department of Transpor-
 16 tation Advisory Committee on Human Traf-
 17 ficking in determining the amounts to be dis-
 18 tributed to each recipient to ensure the best use
 19 of the funds.

20 (b) AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts made avail-
 22 able for each fiscal year for the airport improvement
 23 program established under subchapter I of chapter
 24 471 of title 49, United States Code, the Secretary
 25 shall set aside \$5,000,000 to provide grants to enti-

1 ties described in paragraph (2)(A) to address human
2 trafficking awareness, education, and prevention ef-
3 forts, including by—

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5 tion efforts across multimodal transportation
6 operations within a community; and

7 (B) accomplishing the best practices and
8 recommendations provided by the Department
9 of Transportation Advisory Committee on
10 Human Trafficking.

11 (2) DISTRIBUTION.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
13 distribute amounts set aside under paragraph
14 (1) to—

15 (i) the 50 airports in the United
16 States with the highest number of pas-
17 senger enplanements annually, based on
18 the most recent data available; and

19 (ii) as the Secretary determines to be
20 appropriate, an airport not described in
21 clause (i) that serves an area with a high
22 prevalence of human trafficking, on appli-
23 cation of the airport.

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