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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. NEHLS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Justice for Jocelyn Act”.

SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON PARTICIPATION IN ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION.

No alien may be released as part of any program under the Alternatives to Detention program unless—

- (1) all detention beds available to the Secretary have been filled;
- (2) there exists no available option to hold aliens in detention; and

(3) the Secretary exercised and exhausted all reasonable efforts to hold aliens in detention.

SEC. 3. GPS TRACKING AND CURFEW REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN ALIENS.

Each alien on the Immigration and Customs Enforcement's nondetained docket shall be enrolled in the Alternatives to Detention program and—

(1) shall be continuously subject to GPS monitoring—

(A) for the duration of all applicable immigration proceedings, including any appeal; and

(B) in the case of an alien who is ordered removed from the United States, until removal; and

(2) shall be required to stay in their Alternatives to Detention-compliant home address between the hours of 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.

SEC. 4. REMOVAL OF ALIENS WHO FAIL TO COMPLY WITH RELEASE ORDER.

Section 240(b)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act ([8 U.S.C. 1229a\(b\)\(5\)](#)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(F) FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH RELEASE ORDER.—In the case that an immigration officer submits an affidavit to an immigration judge stating that an alien failed to comply with a condition of release under section 236(a), such alien shall be ordered removed in absentia.”.

SEC. 5. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this Act or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance is held by a Federal court to be unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act and the application of such provisions to any other person or circumstance shall not be affected.