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The Michael Davis, Jr. in Honor of State and Local Law Enforcement Act
Rep. Trey Gowdy (R-S.C.)

Summary:

- **Ends the President's Ability to Unilaterally Shut Down Immigration Enforcement:** This bill removes the ability of the President to unilaterally shut down enforcement efforts by granting states and localities specific congressional authorization to assist in the enforcement of federal immigration law and includes provisions to facilitate their assistance. It also allows states and localities to enact and enforce their own immigration laws as long as they are consistent with federal law. In addition, the bill withholds specific grants from sanctuary cities that defy federal immigration enforcement efforts.

- **Strengthens National Security:** The bill makes it more difficult for foreign terrorists and other foreign nationals who pose national security concerns to enter and remain in the United States. Of note, the bill bars foreign terrorists or removable immigrants who threaten national security from receiving immigration benefits, such as naturalization and discretionary relief from removal. The bill also requires that no immigration benefits can be provided until all required background and security checks are completed.

- **Protects American Communities from Dangerous Criminal Aliens:** The bill protects the American public by facilitating and expediting the removal of criminal aliens. In the instance a dangerous criminal alien cannot be removed from the U.S., the bill allows the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to detain them. It also contains provisions from a bill authored by Congressman Ted Poe that sanctions countries that fail to accept return of their nationals who are ordered removed from the U.S. Additionally, the bill keeps our streets safe by providing for mandatory detention of unlawful immigrants who have been convicted of DUIs.

- **Improves Visa Security:** The bill improves our nation's first line of defense, the visa issuance process. The bill expands the Visa Security Program to additional high risk posts, strengthens the integrity of the student visa program, and authorizes DHS and State Department to revoke visas to foreign nationals if in the security interests of the U.S.

- **Helps ICE Officers Better Do Their Jobs:** The bill assists U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers in carrying out their jobs of enforcing federal immigration laws by strengthening their ability to make arrests for immigration violations. The bill also allows all ICE deportation officers and agents to carry firearms.

- **Reviews Administration's Abuse of Prosecutorial Discretion:** The bill requires a report to Congress each year on the abuse of prosecutorial discretion by the Administration.

- **Defunds President Obama's Unilateral Immigration Actions:** The bill defunds President Obama's unilateral, unconstitutional actions on immigration, whether it be appropriations funds, agency-collected fees, or anything else.