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# H. R. 5484

To allow border States to use a portion of certain Department of Homeland Security grants to build physical barriers to deter illegal crossings.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCHENRY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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## 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 “Good Fences Make  
5 Good Neighbors Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF CERTAIN HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT**  
2 **FUNDS FOR BUILDING BARRIER AT BORDER**  
3 **PERMITTED.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (b) of section 1014 of  
5 the USA PATRIOT Act (42 U.S.C. 3714(b)) is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 “(b) USE OF GRANT AMOUNTS.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Grants under this section  
9 may be used to purchase needed equipment and to  
10 provide training and technical assistance to State  
11 and local first responders. In addition, grants under  
12 this section may be used to construct, develop, ex-  
13 pand, modify, operate, or improve facilities to pro-  
14 vide training or assistance to State and local first re-  
15 sponders.

16 “(2) ADDITIONAL USE FOR BORDER STATE.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A border State may  
18 use up to 75 percent of the minimum amount  
19 allocated to the State under this section to  
20 build a physical barrier near the United States  
21 border to deter illegal crossings, and for costs  
22 incidental thereto.

23 “(B) BORDER STATE DEFINED.—In this  
24 paragraph, the term ‘border State’ means—

25 “(i) a State that shares a border with  
26 Canada or Mexico; or

1                   “(ii) a political subdivision of such a  
2                   State.”.

3           (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
4 this section applies to grants made for fiscal years begin-  
5 ning after the date of enactment of this Act.

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