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# H. R. 256

To allow the Secretary of the Treasury to accept public donations to fund the construction of a barrier on the U.S.-Mexico border, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 2019

Mr. GROTHMAN (for himself, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. PERRY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To allow the Secretary of the Treasury to accept public donations to fund the construction of a barrier on the U.S.-Mexico border, and for other purposes.

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 “People’s Border Wall  
5 Fund Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. BORDER WALL FUND.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—At the end of subchapter III of  
8 chapter 33 of title 31, United States Code, insert the fol-  
9 lowing:

1 **“§ 3344. Border Wall Fund.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

3 “(1) RECEIVE GIFTS.—Notwithstanding section  
4 3113 of title 31, the Secretary of the Treasury may  
5 accept for the Government a gift of money on the  
6 condition that it be used to plan, design, construct,  
7 or maintain a barrier along the international border  
8 between the United States and Mexico.

9 “(2) TRUST FUND.—Not later than 60 days  
10 after the date of enactment of this section, the Sec-  
11 retary of the Treasury shall—

12 “(A) establish an account, to be known as  
13 the ‘Border Wall Fund’, into which money re-  
14 ceived as gifts under this section shall be depos-  
15 ited; and

16 “(B) create a publicly accessible website to  
17 receive such gifts.

18 “(3) PUBLIC NOTICE.—The Secretary of the  
19 Treasury shall—

20 “(A) provide public outreach to educate  
21 the public about the existence of the Border  
22 Wall Fund; and

23 “(B) notify the public, on the Department  
24 of the Treasury’s website, of the current  
25 amount of funds in the Border Wall Fund and

1           the total amount donated over time to the Bor-  
2           der Wall Fund.

3           “(4) APPROPRIATION.—Money deposited in the  
4           Border Wall Trust Fund is appropriated to the Sec-  
5           retary of Homeland Security and may be expended  
6           to plan, design, construct, or maintain a barrier  
7           along the international border between the United  
8           States and Mexico. Such funds may not be used for  
9           any other purpose.”.

10          (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
11         for such chapter is amended by inserting at the end the  
12         following:

“3344. Border Wall Fund.”.

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