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Just Futures Law Urges Congress to Oppose Funding to Expand Surveillance and Criminalization of Immigrants

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WASHINGTON, D.C., — Today, the Senate is set to take up a cloture vote on the Supplemental funding package released on February 4. Brokered by the White House, Democratic leadership and Republicans are set to take up this spending package that would wholly transform the asylum system and revamp militarization of the border through surveillance technology, resuming border wall construction, and fast tracking deportations of people seeking asylum, aligning with the Right wing agenda.

Paromita Shah, Executive Director of Just Futures Law released the following statement ahead of today's vote:

"The Senate's proposed funding bill is a far cry from something anyone with a good moral conscience could support. The White House has negotiated itself into a place not even Trump was able to reach when it comes to militarizing the border and setting itself up to be an efficient deportation machine.

This combination of money for surveillance and surveillance technology, along with the gutting of asylum, will hyper amplify what's already happening on the U.S. border: suffering, exclusion, and rampant xenophobia.

The massive increases to both detention beds and electronic surveillance demystify the fiction that the "alternatives to detention" program was ever anything other than a way to track and deport immigrants from the start. We strongly urge Congress to vote no against this monster of a package."