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STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY

H.R. 7530 – D.C. CRIMES Act of 2024
(Rep. Donalds, R-FL, and four cosponsors)

The Administration strongly opposes H.R. 7530, the D.C. Criminal Reforms to Immediately Make Everyone Safe (D.C. CRIMES) Act of 2024, which would prevent the District of Columbia (D.C.) from increasing criminal penalties. Earlier this year, the District enacted the Secure D.C. Act, with the Mayor’s strong support and no opposition in the D.C. Council, which gave police and prosecutors new tools – including increased penalties – to address gun violence and carjackings. Had the D.C. CRIMES Act of 2024 been enacted at the time, it would have blocked the District’s increases to criminal penalties. The D.C. CRIMES Act of 2024 is a counterproductive and destructive invasion of the District’s right to self-governance and would impede public safety and crime reduction. This bill highlights why the District of Columbia should have statehood.

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