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In Congress, I'm fighting for policies that support law enforcement, reduce crime, and keep Asheville's crime from spreading to the rest of Western North Carolina.

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Nothing is moreimportantthan keeping ourcommunitiessafe.That'swhy Congressman Edwardsthat'sis working in Congress tosupport law enforcementandreduce crime.



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In his first year in office, Congressman Edwards sponsored or co-sponsored:

H.R.895 - Combating Organized Retail Crime Act of 2023

Expands enforcement of criminal offenses related to organized retail crime, so Western North Carolina doesn't turn into San Francisco or New York City

H.R.27 - Prosecutors Need to Prosecute Act

Requires certain state and local prosecutors to report data on criminal referrals and outcomes of cases.

H.R.5717 - No Bailout for Sanctuary Cities Act

Prohibits federal funding for any sanctuary city or county.

H.R.2494 - POLICE Act of 2023

Makes assaulting a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or other first responder a deportable offense.

H.R.1210 - Stop Fentanyl Border Crossings Act

Authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to restrict migration and imports from foreign countries to prevent illegal drugs from flowing across our borders.

H.R.743 - Protect and Serve Act of 2023

Establishes a new criminal offense for knowingly assaulting a law enforcement officer and causing serious bodily injury.

H.R.467 - HALT Fentanyl Act

Makes fentanyl-related substances subject to tougher penalties under the Controlled Substances Act.

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