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To prohibit the creation of an immigration-related registry program that classifies people on the basis of religion, race, age, gender, ethnicity, national origin, nationality, or citizenship.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 5, 2017

Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. WYDEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 TITLES.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protect American
5 Families from Unnecessary Registration and Deportation
6 Act of 2017” or the “Protect American Families Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN IMMIGRATION-RELATED**
2 **REGISTRY PROGRAMS.**

3 (a) PROHIBITION.—Subject to subsection (b) and
4 notwithstanding any other provision of law, including sec-
5 tions 263, 265, and 266 of the Immigration and Nation-
6 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1303, 1305, and 1306)—

7 (1) the Department of Homeland Security, the
8 Department of Justice, or any other Federal depart-
9 ment may not create or implement a law enforce-
10 ment or national security program that requires, or
11 has the effect of causing, people to register or check
12 in on the basis of religion, race, age, gender, eth-
13 nicity, national origin, nationality, or citizenship;
14 and

15 (2) consistent with the prohibition under para-
16 graph (1), no Federal funds may be used to create
17 or implement an immigration registry or check-in
18 program.

19 (b) INAPPLICABILITY TO CERTAIN FEDERAL PRO-
20 GRAMS.—The prohibitions under subsection (a) shall not
21 apply to any Federal program that—

22 (1) merely collects and compiles data about
23 aliens entering or exiting the United States; or

24 (2) issues visas, grants United States citizen-
25 ship, confers an immigration benefit to nationals of

- 1 a foreign country, or temporarily or permanently
- 2 protects noncitizens from removal.

