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H. R. 3222

To provide that no Federal funds may be used to carry out the proposed rule of the Department of Homeland Security entitled “Inadmissibility on Public Charge Grounds”, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 12, 2019

Ms. JUDY CHU of California (for herself, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. PANETTA, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SOTO, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. OMAR, Ms. MOORE, Ms. MENG, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. WELCH, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. COX of California, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. CISNEROS, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. HORSFORD, and Mr. TRONE) introduced the following bill; which was 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “No Federal Funds for
3 Public Charge Act of 2019”.

4 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

5 It is the sense of Congress that—

6 (1) immigrants and their families are a core
7 part of our Nation;

8 (2) their health and safety is critical to the
9 health and safety of our communities;

10 (3) Federal, State, and local assistance pro-
11 grams promote self-sufficiency by ensuring that fam-
12 ilies, including immigrant and mixed-status families,
13 maintain their health, strength, and stability, and
14 can continue contributing to the Nation’s social and
15 economic life;

16 (4) the proposed rule of the Department of
17 Homeland Security entitled “Inadmissibility on Pub-
18 lic Charge Grounds” is a sweeping and dangerous
19 proposal that will impede access to essential food,
20 medical care, and housing for many families;

21 (5) the proposed rule would damage State and
22 local economies while burdening health and service
23 providers, and the Department of Homeland Secu-
24 rity itself, in the preamble of the proposed rule, ac-
25 knowledges the severe consequences of this proposal
26 including that it could cause “worse health out-

1 comes, including increased prevalence of obesity and
2 malnutrition, especially for pregnant or breastfeed-
3 ing women, infants, or children”, that it may “de-
4 crease disposable income and increase the poverty of
5 certain families and children, including U.S. citizen
6 children” and that it could lead to “reduced reve-
7 nues for healthcare providers”, “pharmacies”, “com-
8 panies that manufacture medical supplies or phar-
9 maceuticals”, “grocery retailers”, and “agricultural
10 producers”; and

11 (6) the proposed rule would circumvent Con-
12 gress and reverse 100 years of law and policy, re-
13 stricting immigration and chilling access to services
14 for which immigrants and their citizen family mem-
15 bers are eligible, in a manner not authorized or con-
16 templated by Congress.

17 **SEC. 3. RESTRICTION ON FEDERAL FUNDS.**

18 No Federal funds (including fees) made available for
19 any fiscal year, may be used to implement, administer, en-
20 force, or carry out the proposed rule of the Department
21 of Homeland Security entitled “Inadmissibility on Public
22 Charge Grounds”.

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