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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 9, 2018

Ms. Judy Chu of California (for herself, Ms. Wasserman Schultz, Ms. Jayapal, Ms. Moore, Mr. Espaillat, Mr. Ellison, Ms. Pingree, Ms. Schakowsky, Ms. Clarke of New York, Mr. Panetta, Ms. Norton, Ms. Michelle Lujan Grisham of New Mexico, Ms. Lee, Ms. Bass, Mr. Thompson of California, Mr. Khanna, Mr. Pocan, Mrs. Napolitano, Ms. Wilson of Florida, Mr. Carson of Indiana, Mr. Gutiérrez, Mr. McGovern, Mr. Smith of Washington, Mrs. Watson Coleman, Mr. Cárdenas, Mr. Gomez, Mr. Quigley, Mr. Blumenauer, Mr. Nadler, Mr. Lewis of Georgia, Ms. DeLauro, Mr. Serrano, Mr. Pallone, Mr. DeSaulnier, Ms. Titus, Ms. Velázquez, Mr. Crowley, Mr. Cohen, Mr. McNerney, Mr. Larsen of Washington, Mr. Soto, Mr. Shires, Mr. Huffman, Miss Rice of New York, Mr. Thompson of Mississippi, Ms. Bonamici, Ms. Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas, Ms. Roybal-Allard, Mr. Johnson of Georgia, and Mr. Gene Green of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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.
Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Represe-
tatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “No Federal Funds for
Public Charge Act of 2018”.

SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

It is the sense of Congress that—

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

(2) their health and safety is critical to the
health and safety of our communities.

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

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

(5) the proposed rule would damage State and
local economies while burdening health and service
providers, and the Department of Homeland Secu-
rity itself, in the preamble of the proposed rule, ac-
know ledges the severe consequences of this proposal
including that it could cause “worse health out-
comes, including increased prevalence of obesity and
malnutrition, especially for pregnant or breastfeed-
ing women, infants, or children”, that it may “de-
crease disposable income and increase the poverty of
certain families and children, including U.S. citizen
children” and that it could lead to “reduced reve-
nues for healthcare providers”, “pharmacies”, “com-
panies that manufacture medical supplies or phar-
maceuticals”, “grocery retailers”, and “agricultural
producers”; and

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

SEC. 3. RESTRICTION ON FEDERAL FUNDS.

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

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