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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CHU (for herself, Ms. ANSARI, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CORREA, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. DEXTER, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mrs. GRIJALVA, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. LIEU, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. NADLER, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. OMAR, Mr. PANNETTA, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. RANDALL, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. SIMON, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. TONKO, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, and Ms. WILSON of Florida) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protect American Val-
5 ues Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that—

8 (1) immigrants and their families are a core
9 part of this Nation;

10 (2) their health and safety is critical to the
11 health and safety of our communities;

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

18 (4) the rule of the Department of Homeland
19 Security entitled “Public Charge Ground of Inadmis-
20 sibility” (91 Fed. Reg. 45324) is a dangerous policy
21 that will impede access to essential food, medical
22 care, and housing for many families, while injecting
23 severe uncertainty and arbitrariness for immigrants
24 adjusting to lawful permanent resident status;

1 (5) the rule would damage State and local
2 economies while burdening health and service pro-
3 viders, and the Department of Homeland Security
4 itself, in the preamble of the proposed rule, acknowl-
5 edges the severe consequences of this proposal in-
6 cluding that it could have, “downstream and up-
7 stream impacts on State and local economies, large
8 and small businesses, and individuals”, would “in-
9 crease the poverty of certain families and children,
10 including U.S. Citizen children”, and “may lead to
11 downstream effects on public health, community sta-
12 bility, and resilience” including “worse health out-
13 comes, such as increased prevalence of obesity and
14 malnutrition”, “higher prevalence of communicable
15 diseases”, and “increased rates of uncompensated
16 care”; and

17 (6) the rule would circumvent Congress and re-
18 verse over 140 years of law and policy, restricting
19 immigration and chilling access to services for which
20 immigrants and their United States citizen family
21 members are eligible, in a manner not authorized or
22 contemplated by Congress.

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

24 No Federal funds (including fees) made available for
25 any fiscal year, may be used to implement, administer, en-

1 force, or carry out the rule of the Department of Home-
2 land Security entitled “Public Charge Ground of Inadmis-
3 sibility” (91 Fed. Reg. 45324) or any guidance or sub-
4 regulatory policy that implements or clarifies such rule.

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