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[Report No. 119-467]

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 6, 2025

Mr. TAYLOR (for himself, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. SCHMIDT, Ms. MACE, Mr. ONDER, Mr. MESSMER, Mr. LATTI, Mr. KENNEDY of Utah, Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina, Mr. GILL of Texas, Mr. ROSE, Mr. HARIDOPOLOS, and Mr. FINSTAD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JANUARY 27, 2026

Additional sponsors: Mr. BIGGS of Arizona, Mr. RULLI, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. BRECHEEN, Mr. MCGUIRE, Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. McDOWELL, Mr. MOORE of North Carolina, Mr. FRY, Ms. VAN DUYNE, Ms. FEDORCHAK, Mr. HUNT, Mr. STUTZMAN, Mrs. LUNA, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. BOST, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. TIFFANY, and Mr. PFLUGER

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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 6, 2025]

# **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 “Deporting Fraudsters*  
 5       *Act of 2026”.*

6       **SEC. 2. INADMISSIBILITY AND DEPORTABILITY RELATED**  
 7               **TO DEFRAUDING THE UNITED STATES GOV-**  
 8               **ERNMENT OR THE UNLAWFUL RECEIPT OF**  
 9               **PUBLIC BENEFITS.**

10       *(a) INADMISSIBILITY.—Section 212(a)(2) of the Immi-*  
 11       *gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(2)) is*  
 12       *amended by adding at the end the following:*

13               *“(J) DEFRAUDING THE UNITED STATES*  
 14               *GOVERNMENT OR THE UNLAWFUL RECEIPT OF*  
 15               *PUBLIC BENEFITS.—Any alien who has been con-*  
 16               *victed of, who admits having committed, or who*  
 17               *admits committing acts which constitute the es-*  
 18               *sential elements of—*

19                       *“(i) an offense described in section 15*  
 20                       *of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7*  
 21                       *U.S.C. 2024) (relating to violations of Sup-*  
 22                       *plemental Nutrition Assistance Program*  
 23                       *benefits);*

24                       *“(ii) an offense described in section*  
 25                       *208 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.*

1           408) (relating to fraud involving social se-  
2           curity account numbers or social security  
3           cards);

4           “(iii) an offense described in section  
5           666 of title 18, United States Code (relating  
6           to theft or bribery concerning programs re-  
7           ceiving Federal funds);

8           “(iv) an offense described in section  
9           1028 of title 18, United States Code (relat-  
10          ing to fraud and related activity in connec-  
11          tion with identification documents, authen-  
12          tication features, and information);

13          “(v) an offense described in section  
14          1031 of title 18, United States Code (relat-  
15          ing to major fraud against the United  
16          States);

17          “(vi) an offense described under chap-  
18          ter 63 of title 18, United States Code (relat-  
19          ing to mail fraud and other fraud offenses);

20          “(vii) an offense described in section  
21          371 of title 18, United States Code (relating  
22          to conspiracy to commit offense or to de-  
23          fraud United States);

24          “(viii) any other offense that involves  
25          defrauding the United States Government

1           or the unlawful receipt of a Federal public  
 2           benefit (as such term is defined in section  
 3           401(c) of the Personal Responsibility and  
 4           Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of  
 5           1996 (8 U.S.C. 1611) or a State or local  
 6           public benefit (as such term is defined in  
 7           section 411(c) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1621));  
 8           or

9           “(ix) a conspiracy to commit an of-  
 10          fense described in clause (i) through (viii),  
 11          is inadmissible.”.

12          (b) *DEPORTABILITY*.—Section 237(a)(2) of the *Immi-*  
 13          *gration and Nationality Act* (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(2)) is  
 14          amended by adding at the end the following:

15               “(G) *DEFRAUDING THE UNITED STATES*  
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11                   “(ix) a conspiracy to commit an of-  
 12                   fense described in clause (i) through (viii),  
 13                  is deportable.”.

14           (c) *INELIGIBILITY FOR ANY IMMIGRATION RELIEF.*—  
 15   Any alien described in subparagraph (J) of section  
 16   212(a)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8  
 17   U.S.C. 1128(a)(2)(J)) or subparagraph (G) of section  
 18   237(a)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8  
 19   U.S.C. 1227(a)(2)) shall be ineligible for any relief under  
 20   the immigration laws (as such term is defined in section  
 21   101 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
 22   1101)), including under section 2242 of the Omnibus Con-  
 23   solidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations  
 24   Act, 1999 (112 Stat. 2681).

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