

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8381

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide an option for virtual periodic appearances for aliens pending a decision on whether the alien is to be removed from the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 20, 2026

Ms. MENG 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 “Safe Check-Ins for
5 Immigrants Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. VIRTUAL PERIODIC APPEARANCES FOR ALIENS**
2 **PENDING A DECISION ON WHETHER THE**
3 **ALIEN IS TO BE REMOVED FROM THE UNITED**
4 **STATES.**

5 Section 236 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
6 (8 U.S.C. 1226) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(g) VIRTUAL PERIODIC APPEARANCES.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland
10 Security shall permit an alien described in para-
11 graph (2) to appear virtually by video teleconference
12 to satisfy the requirement described in paragraph
13 (2)(B).

14 “(2) ALIEN DESCRIBED.—An alien described in
15 this paragraph is an alien who—

16 “(A) is released under subsection (a)(2);
17 and

18 “(B) is required to appear before an immi-
19 gration officer (or before a case manager pursu-
20 ant to an alternatives to detention program) pe-
21 riodically pending a decision on whether the
22 alien is to be removed from the United States
23 as a condition of such release.”.

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