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To clarify United States birthright citizenship laws in the territories and combat foreign nationals who are seeking citizenship in the United States territories.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRIFFITH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To clarify United States birthright citizenship laws in the territories and combat foreign nationals who are seeking citizenship in the United States territories.

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 “End Birthright Citi-
5 zenship for Territories Act”.

6 **SEC. 2 BACKGROUND.**

7 Whereas, under article IV, section 3, clause 2, the
8 Constitution states: “The Congress shall have Power to

1 dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations re-
2 specting the Territory or other Property belonging to the
3 United States;”;

4 Whereas, Supreme Court of the United States prece-
5 dents, known collectively as the Insular Cases, stands for
6 the proposition that Congress has the power to legislate
7 with respect to the United States territories, including citi-
8 zenship status;

9 Whereas, Congress has previously granted citizenship
10 by statute to four of the five United States territories but
11 not to the people of American Samoa;

12 Whereas, the decision in *Trump v. Barbara* did not
13 address or call into question any of these Insular Case
14 based statutes; and

15 Whereas, Congress has the inherent authority to
16 change statutes relating to citizenship of persons born in
17 the territories.

18 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON CITIZENSHIP FOR INDIVIDUALS**
19 **BORN IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO**
20 **RICO.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Immigration and
22 Nationality Act section 302 (8 U.S.C. 1402) is amended
23 by striking the comma after “after January 13, 1941,”
24 and adding “and before January 1, 2027,”.

1 **SEC. 4. LIMITATION ON CITIZENSHIP FOR INDIVIDUALS**
2 **BORN IN THE TERRITORY OF THE VIRGIN IS-**
3 **LANDS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of Immigration and Na-
5 tionality Act section 306 (8 U.S.C. 1402) is amended in
6 subparagraph (b) by inserting the “and before January
7 1, 2027,” after “after February 25, 1927,”.

8 **SEC. 5. LIMITATION ON CITIZENSHIP FOR INDIVIDUALS**
9 **BORN IN THE TERRITORY OF GUAM.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Immigration and
11 Nationality Act section 307 (8 U.S.C. 1406) is amended—

12 (1) in subparagraph (b) by striking the paren-
13 thesis before “whether” and after “1950”;

14 (2) by adding a comma before “whether” and
15 after “1950”; and

16 (3) by adding after “August 1, 1950” the fol-
17 lowing: “and before January 1, 2027.”.

18 **SEC. 6. LIMITATION ON CITIZENSHIP FOR INDIVIDUALS**
19 **BORN IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE**
20 **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I—The Covenant to
22 Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Is-
23 lands in Political Union with the United States of Amer-
24 ica, as approved under Public Law 94–241, section 303
25 at (48 U.S.C. 1801) is amended in subsection 303 by add-

1 ing after “and” the following: “before January 1, 2027,
2 are” and by striking “at birth” at the end.

3 (b) APPLICABILITY.—

4 (1) The amendment made by subsection (a),
5 (b), (c) and (d) shall not be construed to affect the
6 citizenship or nationality status of any person born
7 in the United States before January 1, 2027.

8 (2) The amendment made by subsection (a),
9 (b), (c) and (d) shall not be construed to affect the
10 citizenship or nationality of a person born in the
11 United States territories, who is born as a child of
12 a United States citizen or the child of an alien law-
13 fully admitted for permanent residence in the United
14 States.

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