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To prohibit the implementation of certain policies regarding the exercise of prosecutorial discretion by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. QUAYLE (for himself, Mr. ROSS of Florida, Mr. GRAVES of Georgia, Mr. RIBBLE, Mr. MULVANEY, Mr. BROOKS, and Mr. LONG) 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 “Prohibiting Back-door
5 Amnesty Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NULLIFICATION OF CERTAIN POLICIES REGARDING**
7 **PROSECUTORIAL DISCRETION.**

8 (a) DISAPPROVAL.—The Congress disapproves the
9 following, which shall have no force or effect:

1 (1) The June 17, 2011, memorandum from
2 John Morton, the Director of U.S. Immigration and
3 Customs Enforcement, regarding the exercise of
4 prosecutorial discretion consistent with the civil im-
5 migration enforcement priorities of the agency for
6 the apprehension, detention, and removal of aliens.

7 (2) The June 15, 2012, memorandum from
8 Janet Napolitano, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
9 rity, regarding the exercise of prosecutorial discre-
10 tion with respect to individuals who came to the
11 United States as children.

12 (3) The draft directive developed by U.S. Cus-
13 toms and Border Protection (amending CBP Direc-
14 tive No. 3340–043) containing guidance on when to
15 pursue enforcement actions and factors such agen-
16 cy’s personnel should consider when exercising dis-
17 cretion.

18 (b) PROHIBITION.—Pursuant to the plenary power
19 over immigration of the Congress under article I, section
20 8, clause 4 of the Constitution of the United States, the
21 President, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and any
22 personnel of the Department of Homeland Security shall
23 not promulgate, implement, administer, or enforce any
24 Executive order, proposed or final rule, other provision of
25 law, guidance, or policy that is the same as, or similar

1 in effect to, any or all of the documents described in sub-
2 section (a).

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