

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5833

To authorize appropriations for family unification vouchers for rental housing assistance, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 16, 2018

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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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 “Expanding Housing
5 Opportunities for Foster Youth Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

8 (1) approximately 21,000 foster youth age out
9 of foster care each year according to the Administra-

1 tion for Children and Families (ACF) of the Depart-
2 ment of Health and Human Services;

3 (2) more than 1 out of every 4 foster youth who
4 age out of foster care will experience homelessness
5 by age 21, according to survey data from the Na-
6 tional Youth in Transition Database compiled by the
7 ACF;

8 (3) access to safe, decent, and affordable hous-
9 ing is essential to helping foster youth successfully
10 transition to adulthood;

11 (4) foster youth deserve a place to call home
12 without being singled out for harmful requirements
13 like work requirements as a condition of receiving
14 housing assistance;

15 (5) the Family Unification Vouchers program
16 of the Department of Housing and Urban Develop-
17 ment provides housing assistance for foster youth
18 along with case management, without work require-
19 ments; and

20 (6) there is insufficient funding for Family Uni-
21 fication Vouchers to serve all foster youth in need.

1 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDING FOR FAMILY UNIFI-**
2 **CATION VOUCHERS PROGRAM.**

3 Paragraph (1) of section 8(x) of the United States
4 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(x)(1)) is amended
5 to read as follows:

6 “(1) INCREASE IN BUDGET AUTHORITY.—The
7 budget authority available under section 5(c) for
8 voucher assistance under section 8(o) is authorized
9 to be increased by \$200,000,000 on or after October
10 1, 2018, and any such sums made available shall re-
11 main available until expended.”.

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