

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 6553

To amend the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 to require consultation with State and local elected officials and a public hearing before awarding grants or contracts for housing facilities for unaccompanied alien children.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2018

Mr. OLSON (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Texas, and Mr. POE of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “Our Communities, Our  
5       Choices Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING CONSULTATION WITH STATE AND**  
2 **LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND A PUBLIC**  
3 **HEARING BEFORE AWARDING GRANTS OR**  
4 **CONTRACTS FOR HOUSING FACILITIES FOR**  
5 **UNACCOMPANIED ALIEN CHILDREN.**

6 Section 235(i) of the William Wilberforce Trafficking  
7 Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 (8 U.S.C.  
8 1232(i)) is amended by adding at the end the following:  
9 “Before awarding any grant or contract under this sub-  
10 section that provide for housing of unaccompanied alien  
11 children in a facility that is not on property of the Federal  
12 Government, the Secretary shall—

13 “(1) consult with State and local elected offi-  
14 cials regarding the location of the facility as well as  
15 the duration of the award and the safety, security,  
16 and funding of the facility; and

17 “(2) conduct a public hearing, no earlier than  
18 90 days after the announcement of a potential loca-  
19 tion for such facility, for which—

20 “(A) advance public notice has been pro-  
21 vided, in mediums available for general circula-  
22 tion in the proposed jurisdiction, at least 10  
23 days before the date of the hearing; and

24 “(B) a representative of the Department of  
25 Health and Human Services is in attendance in

- 1 an official capacity for the purpose of receiving
- 2 public comments.”.

