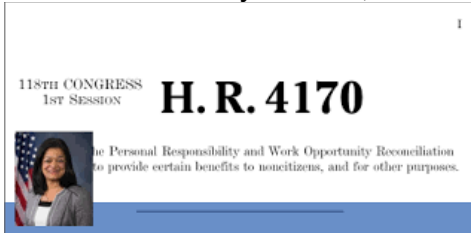


**NEBRASKA TAXPAYERS FOR FREEDOM ISSUE PAPER:  
STOP ADDITIONAL WELFARE FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS.**

**BACKGROUND.** Illegal aliens pouring into our country and illegals already safely established across the nation already benefit from a variety of federal and state benefits, e.g., medical services, free education. Now, congressional leftists want to make additional welfare services available to illegals, which will only encourage thousands more to cross our borders. Hospital emergency rooms already are flooded with illegal aliens eagerly seeking free medical care. Taxpayers must pay for additional staff and classroom space to educate the thousands of illegal alien kids crowding our schools. Opening the welfare floodgates will task both federal and state governments and their taxpayer revenue sources.

**THE BILL.** **HR 4170**, sponsored by leftist Reps. Pramila Jayapal (Wash.) and Tony Cardenas (CA.), would make illegal aliens immediately eligible for all major federal benefits. Their bill eliminates the current 5-yr. waiting period for illegals to access Medicaid, the Children’s Health Insurance Program, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, food stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, assisted housing, rental assistance, rural housing aid, and Social Security disability.



DACA beneficiaries, temporary asylum recipients, criminal parolees, and others also eligible. Also included are aliens holding green cards, aliens granted parole by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for a period of at least 1 year, Cuban and Haitian illegals, specific abused immigrants, including children and parents, specific survivors of trafficking, and specific individuals residing in the U.S. pursuant to a Compact of Free Association (COFA) (for Medicaid purposes only). All of the above immediately eligible for state and

local welfare benefits. Provisions of the bill would repeal barriers to accessing benefits for immigrants who have a sponsor, align eligibility for child nutrition programs ensuring that all illegal kids have access to school breakfast and lunch programs regardless of immigration status, and expand federal housing programs to include lawfully present immigrants, including survivors of domestic violence and victims of crime and trafficking. The bill would remove state authority to impose additional restrictions on qualified immigrants and prevent states from adopting punitive restrictions or deterring access to critical services for immigrants with sponsors. Rep. Jayapal said, “I’m proud to be leading this legislation to finally eliminate cruel, xenophobic, and unreasonable barriers to health care, nutrition assistance, and other life-changing public benefits.” The cost of this legislation would reach billions. Two previous pieces of legislation failed, but that has not deterred Socialist Democratic support for the legislation. The sponsors also boast of support from about 200 open-borders organizations. **HR 4170** has 100 House co-sponsors.<sup>1</sup> The Biden Health & Human Services Dept. has tacked on a proposed regulation to allow DACA recipients to obtain Obama Care. The bill currently is in the House Ways & Means Committee, awaiting a vote to advance to the full House for debate.

**OPPOSITION JUSTIFICATION.** The 5-yr. waiting time passed Congress in 1996 to prevent illegals from becoming a fiscal burden on taxpayers. Specifically, Section 212(a)(4) of the 1996 Immigration Act states that an alien is inadmissible as an immigrant if he or she “is likely at any time to become a public charge.” The same section requires that family sponsors of immigrants sign affidavits of support, pledging to accept financial responsibility for the individual they sponsor to come to the U.S. Congress emphasized the principle of self-sufficiency as a basic principle of U.S. immigration law and policy. The law is a [reassertion of America’s work ethic](#). The policy emphasized that immigrants entering our country should rely only on their own capabilities and the resources of their families, sponsors, and private organizations. The policy also warned immigrants living in the U.S. to “not depend on public resources to meet their needs” and that the “availability of public benefits [does] not constitute an incentive for immigration to the United States.” These restrictions on immigrant access to public welfare originated from concerns that welfare programs were enticing American citizens to move to states with more generous welfare benefits. Conservatives believe that our welfare programs likewise have become a magnet for immigrants. Changes in the accessibility of means-tested programs affected low-skilled, unmarried immigrant women the most, who were more likely to settle in states that restored benefits and had the highest probability of welfare use. The 1996 law laid the foundation for further exclusions under the 5-yr. ban, because Congress created several public benefit programs and systems after 1996, including CHIP and Obama Care, which excludes healthcare coverage for illegal aliens.

**THE SENATE BILL.** Leftist Sen. Mazie Hirono (HW.) sponsored **S. 2038** with 11 other Socialist Democrat senators. The bill currently is in the Senate Finance Committee, awaiting a vote to advance it to the full Senate for debate.

<sup>1</sup> Federation for American Immigration Reform, June 23, 2023.

**SUPPORTERS.** Leftwing organizations mobilized to send letters of support to congressmen. These radical groups include the following: Center for Law & Social Policy, Nourish California, the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations, National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice, National Network for Arab American Communities, National Partnership for New Americans, National WIC Association, NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice, Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies, and Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

**TAKE ACTION NOW.** Word spreads fast throughout the hemisphere and entire world that a poor, uneducated Third World person can live better on U.S. welfare than living in the home country. The many benefits already offered illegal aliens is a huge magnet for them to risk entering the U.S. illegally. The promise and lure of additional free stuff is only increasing the magnetism. This disgusting situation is causing a flood of poor, uneducated, disease-ridden, and criminal aliens to flood across our southern border. Bestowing welfare benefits, etc. on illegal aliens is suctioning away additional taxpayer dollars. Socialist Democrats welcome these illegals as future Democrat voters. Using the information above, immediately lobby your senators to vote to kill **S. 3028** and your congressman to vote to kill **HR. 4170**. Email [netaxpayers@gmail.com](mailto:netaxpayers@gmail.com) for Capitol Hill contact information and join our NTF *Project Immigration*.

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