

**NEBRASKA TAXPAYERS FOR FREEDOM ISSUE PAPER:  
STOP SOMALI IMMIGRATION.**

**BACKGROUND.** Since the passage of the 1965 Immigration and Nationality Act, more than 70 million immigrants have arrived in the U.S. Many of these immigrants have failed to properly assimilate into and adopt our culture. One such community that stands out is the Somali community, particularly in Minnesota. Somali immigration does not advance the economic or social status of our nation. Specifically, 81% of Somali immigrant households depend on welfare;<sup>1</sup> 73% of Somalis use Medicaid, and 54% of Somalis receive food stamps. 39% of adult Somali immigrants have no high school diploma, and 50% of those who have lived in the U.S. for more than 10 years do not speak English.<sup>2</sup> Real problems exist for taxpayers from a group of immigrants being overly reliant on welfare services, not assimilating into our culture, and engaging in fraudulent criminal conduct that steals from government services funded by taxpayers.



**THE BILL.** Conservative Cong. Brandon Gill (TX.) introduced [HR 7359](#), the Somalia Immigration Moratorium Act. This bill would prohibit the issuance of visas or immigration relief to Somali citizens for 25 yrs. This prohibition applies to both immigrant and non-immigrant visas. It also makes Somali nationals ineligible for deportation relief under Section 241(b)(3) of the 1965 Immigration and Nationality Act. The restrictions would not apply to those already lawfully admitted to the U.S. before the legislation passed, lawful permanent residents, or those holding diplomatic or international organization visas. Exceptions made only by the Sec. of State in coordination with the Sec. of Homeland Security. The bill cites criminal

behavior, corrupt business practices, heavy welfare usage, massive welfare fraud, and refusal to assimilate among Somali refugees. His bill, with 7 co-sponsors, currently is in the House Judiciary Committee, awaiting a vote to advance to the full House for debate. “Mass Somali immigration makes the United States weaker, poorer and erodes social trust,” said Rep. Gill, “We get to choose, or we should choose who comes into our country, and that should be based on what makes the United States stronger, what makes our communities more prosperous. And that’s not what’s happening.” Gill says pausing immigration from Somalia would allow policymakers to recalibrate our immigration policy to better reflect national security, fiscal responsibility, and the broader national interest. The recent fraud scandal in Minnesota highlights the acute dangers of unchecked immigration. The bill references recent Minnesota fraud cases in which federal prosecutors convicted 59 Somalis, over \$1 billion stolen in schemes involving Somali defendants. In Minnesota, about \$9 billion in fraud now tied to members of the Somali community. A Somali immigration moratorium, the bill intent, puts the American people first, restores our national sovereignty, protects taxpayers, and supports public safety. Gill declared that he has co-sponsored other legislation to denaturalize Somalis engaged in fraud. He also linked this proposal to the increasing influence of Islam in his home state of Texas.

**PRESIDENT TRUMP.** This bill codifies into law what Pres. Trump already has done by Executive Order 13769. In 2025, Trump issued 2 presidential proclamations creating a tiered system of entry restrictions targeting 39 countries, including Somalia and the Palestinian Authority. The proclamations cited national security concerns and deficient overseas vetting standards, sharply limiting the issuance of green cards and specific temporary visas for affected nationals.<sup>3</sup> In January, 2026, the Trump Administration also sought to terminate Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for many Somalis living in the U.S.<sup>4</sup> Country conditions in Somalia have improved to the point that it no longer meets the statutory requirement for Temporary Protected Status, Dept. of Homeland Security Sec. Kristi Noem said. Further, allowing Somalis to remain temporarily in the U.S. is contrary to our national interests. We are putting Americans first.<sup>5</sup>

**THE REASONING.** The U.S. Government reserves the sovereign right to admit or deny entry into the U.S. any foreign person. The sole aim of our immigration system is to benefit American citizens, not facilitate mass migration from corrupt, failed societies. Somalia lacks reliable identity-management and vetting systems, making immigrant risk assessment extremely difficult. Because immigration control is a core act of national sovereignty, the U.S. has both the right and responsibility to protect our public safety and national security. Nationality-based immigration restrictions

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<sup>1</sup> Center for Immigration Studies, 2025.

<sup>2</sup> Red State, Becky Noble, [Texas Rep. Gill Introduces Bill Slamming Brakes on Somali Immigration in Wake of Massive Fraud Scandal](#), Feb. 4, 2026.

<sup>3</sup> Newsmax, Michael Katz, [Rep. Gill Proposes 25-Year Pause on Immigration from Somalia](#), May 14, 2026.

<sup>4</sup> Total News, [Representative Brandon Gill Proposes Legislation for 25-Year Ban on Immigration from Somalia](#), Feb. 4, 2026.

<sup>5</sup> KTSA, [TX Rep Proposes 25-Year Pause on Immigration from Somalia Citing ‘Dangers of Unchecked Immigration,’](#) Feb. 4, 2026.

have existed for over 140 years, a desire for restrictions directed at specific nationalities and reflecting a shift toward nationality-based immigration criteria that has emerged in recent legislative trends. This is a country-specific immigration pause, rare but not unprecedented. Somali immigrants come to the U.S., not living the American dream, not becoming self-sufficient and productive members of society, but because they realize they can get free stuff.<sup>6</sup> No more people coming in to take advantage of our way of life. This is the kind of America First leadership President



Trump champions. He tried to protect us with travel bans while the leftists howled. Then look at the results in cities like Minneapolis: rising crime, gangs, demands for Sharia law, and hardworking taxpayers paying the bill for people who openly disrespect our country. Somalis refuse to blend in; they take over. America is not the world dumping ground. Real patriots are tired of watching failed 3<sup>rd</sup> World states colonize our nation. The bill highlights broader national debates on immigration policy. It accentuates concerns regarding the balance between national

security and humanitarian responsibilities. It points to issues like welfare fraud and assimilation. The discussion mirrors broader anxieties about cultural shifts and public safety in local communities. Gill and his supporters often refer to Europe as a cautionary example of the socio-political fallout experienced by communities undergoing significant demographic changes.<sup>7</sup> The purpose of legal immigration is to make America stronger, not operate a global charity with taxpayer money. Originated as a careful process, bringing in people who want to become Americans, who share our values, and who would contribute to our great nation.<sup>8</sup> This bill represents the kind of America First immigration policy that voters demanded in 2024. No more importing failure. No more subsidizing societies that hate our way of life.<sup>9</sup>

**OPPONENTS.** Resistance to the Somalia Immigration Moratorium Act is coming from leftist human rights organizations, open borders promoters, and political opponents who argue that such measure is racist.

**TAKE ACTION NOW.** The billions in fraud, the corruption, the criminality, and the refusal to assimilate into our culture will continue, not only among Somali immigrants but also among immigrants and refugees from other 3<sup>rd</sup> World nations who refuse to adopt our way of life but only purposely become a heavy burden to U.S. taxpayers by suctioning our generous welfare, health, medical, and educational benefits. Our entire immigration system requires comprehensive reform. This bill is a solid step in this direction. Using the information above, lobby our NE congressmen to co-sponsor and support **HR 7359**. Email [netaxpayers@gmail.com](mailto:netaxpayers@gmail.com) for Capitol Hill contact information and join our NTF *Congress Watch Project*.

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<sup>6</sup> Dallas Express, Logan Washburn, [A Somali Immigration Moratorium](#), Feb. 4, 2026.

<sup>7</sup> Patriot Fetch, Mackenzie Web, [NEW: GOP Congressman Introduces 25-Year Immigration Ban on Somalia Amid National Debate](#), Feb. 22, 2026.

<sup>8</sup> Conservative News, [Moratorium on Somali Immigration Citing Fraud](#).

<sup>9</sup> Next News Network, Gary Franchi, [FINALLY: Texas Rep Introduces BOLD Bill to HALT Somalia Immigration for 25 Years](#), Feb. 4, 2026.