

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4371, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. GOLDMAN OF NEW YORK**

Page 14, insert after line 5 the following:

**1 SEC. 7. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Unaccompanied children are among the  
4 world's most vulnerable individuals. Without protec-  
5 tion in their countries of origin, they have fled to the  
6 United States often on their own to escape extreme  
7 violence, sexual abuse, human trafficking, and other  
8 dangers.

9 (2) In recognition of this vulnerability, Con-  
10 gress has traditionally ensured protections for unac-  
11 companied children on a broad bipartisan basis.

12 (3) Congress reaffirmed this bipartisan commit-  
13 ment through passage of the William Wilberforce  
14 Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act  
15 of 2008 (“TVPRA”) which passed, among other  
16 purposes, to ensure that unaccompanied children are  
17 screened properly to identify signs of trafficking or  
18 other protection concerns, placed in the least restric-  
19 tive setting that is in the best interest of the child,  
20 and accorded a full and fair legal process, distin-

1       guished by child-sensitive procedures, for pursuing  
2       humanitarian relief.

3           (4) The One Big Beautiful Bill Act (Public  
4       Law 119–21) erects barriers to TVPRA protections  
5       and other longstanding safeguards for unaccom-  
6       panied children, weakening due process and height-  
7       ening these children’s vulnerability to human traf-  
8       ficking, exploitation, and abuse.

9           (5) This legislation imposes an unprecedented  
10       fee structure that limits or outright blocks unaccom-  
11       panied children’s ability to pursue humanitarian pro-  
12       tection in the United States, requiring onerous fees  
13       from unaccompanied children to seek asylum and  
14       other legal relief runs contrary to the TVPRA’s  
15       mandate to govern these children’s applications in  
16       ways that take into account their specialized needs.  
17       It also creates opportunities for traffickers and  
18       abusers skilled in leveraging debt to coerce children  
19       into sex and labor trafficking and other forms of ex-  
20       ploitation.

21           (6) The Trump administration has sought to  
22       rely upon One Big Beautiful Bill Act provisions that  
23       provide funding for the removal of unaccompanied  
24       children to summarily return children throughout  
25       the Nation to their countries of origin without due

1 process. These returns run counter to TVPRA re-  
2 quirements that the Secretary of the Department of  
3 Homeland Security place unaccompanied children  
4 from countries other than Mexico and Canada in Of-  
5 fice of Refugee Resettlement custody, where they re-  
6 ceive screenings for trafficking and other protection  
7 concerns by legal services providers, and that these  
8 children are afforded an appropriate legal process  
9 before an immigration judge. Summarily returned  
10 children face grave risks of trafficking and other  
11 harms.

12 (7) The American Academy of Pediatrics and  
13 other leading medical groups have warned that there  
14 is no evidence that any amount of time in detention  
15 is safe for children and that detention itself poses a  
16 threat to child health.

17 (8) The One Big Beautiful Bill Act provides  
18 funding for carrying out potentially physically intru-  
19 sive examinations of unaccompanied children in the  
20 Department of Homeland Security and Office of  
21 Refugee Resettlement custody without any guard-  
22 rails to protect against inappropriate application and  
23 misconduct and despite risks of retraumatizing chil-  
24 dren who may be fleeing abuse or exploitation.

1           (9) The One Big Beautiful Bill Act provides  
2           funding to the Office of Refugee Resettlement that  
3           will further fuel the Trump administration’s system-  
4           atic targeting of unaccompanied children’s family  
5           members for immigration enforcement. After the Ad-  
6           ministration eliminated safeguards that restricted  
7           the Office of Refugee Resettlement from sharing in-  
8           formation on unaccompanied children’s sponsors  
9           with the Department of Homeland Security for pur-  
10          poses of immigration enforcement, Immigration and  
11          Customs Enforcement has taken enforcement ac-  
12          tions against numerous sponsors who lack immigra-  
13          tion status. These actions have split families apart,  
14          caused children profound trauma, and deterred lov-  
15          ing parents and other family members from coming  
16          forward to sponsor children in Office of Refugee Re-  
17          settlement custody, depriving children of safe spon-  
18          sorship options and dramatically increasing those  
19          children’s periods of government detention.

20   **SEC. 8. FEES.**

21          (a) ASYLUM FEE.—Section 100002 of Public Law  
22   119–21 (commonly known as the “One Big Beautiful Bill  
23   Act”) is amended by adding at the end the following:

24          “(f) EXCEPTION.—This section shall not apply in the  
25   case of any individual who is, or was previously determined

1 to be, an unaccompanied alien child, as defined in section  
2 462(g)(2) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6  
3 U.S.C. 279(g)(2)).”.

4 (b) EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION DOCUMENT  
5 FEE.—Section 100003 of Public Law 119–21 (commonly  
6 known as the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act”) is amended  
7 by adding at the end the following:

8 “(d) EXCEPTION.—This section shall not apply in the  
9 case of any individual who is, or was previously determined  
10 to be, an unaccompanied alien child, as defined in section  
11 462(g)(2) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6  
12 U.S.C. 279(g)(2)).”.

13 (c) SPECIAL IMMIGRANT JUVENILE FEE.—

14 (1) REPEAL.—Section 100005 of Public Law  
15 119–21 (commonly known as the “One Big Beau-  
16 tiful Bill Act”) is repealed.

17 (2) CLARIFICATION.—The Secretary of Home-  
18 land Security may not impose a fee in connection  
19 with any alien, parent, or legal guardian of an alien  
20 applying for special immigrant juvenile status under  
21 section 101(a)(27)(J) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(27)(J)).

22 (d) ANNUAL ASYLUM FEE.—Section 100009 of Pub-  
23 lic Law 119–21 (commonly known as the “One Big Beau-  
24 tiful Bill Act”) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
25 lowing:

1       “(e) EXCEPTION.—This section shall not apply in the  
2 case of any individual who is, or was previously determined  
3 to be, an unaccompanied alien child, as defined in section  
4 462(g)(2) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6  
5 U.S.C. 279(g)(2)).”.

6       (e) EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION RENEWAL  
7 FEES.—

8           (1) EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION FOR PAROL-  
9 EES.—Section 100010 of Public Law 119–21 (com-  
10 monly known as the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act”)  
11 is amended by adding at the end the following:

12       “(e) EXCEPTION.—This section shall not apply in the  
13 case of any individual who is, or was previously determined  
14 to be, an unaccompanied alien child, as defined in section  
15 462(g)(2) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6  
16 U.S.C. 279(g)(2)).”.

17           (2) EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION FOR ASY-  
18 LUM APPLICANTS.—Section 100011 of Public Law  
19 119–21 (commonly known as the “One Big Beau-  
20 tiful Bill Act”) is amended by adding at the end the  
21 following:

22       “(e) EXCEPTION.—This section shall not apply in the  
23 case of any individual who is, or was previously determined  
24 to be, an unaccompanied alien child, as defined in section

1 462(g)(2) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6  
2 U.S.C. 279(g)(2)).”.

3 (3) EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION FOR ALIENS  
4 GRANTED TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS.—Sec-  
5 tion 100012 of Public Law 119–21 (commonly  
6 known as the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act”) is  
7 amended by adding at the end the following:

8 “(e) EXCEPTION.—This section shall not apply in the  
9 case of any individual who is, or was previously determined  
10 to be, an unaccompanied alien child, as defined in section  
11 462(g)(2) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6  
12 U.S.C. 279(g)(2)).”.

13 (f) IMMIGRATION COURT FEES.—Section 100013 of  
14 Public Law 119–21 (commonly known as the “One Big  
15 Beautiful Bill Act”) is amended by adding at the end the  
16 following:

17 “(l) EXCEPTION.—This section shall not apply in the  
18 case of any individual who is, or was previously determined  
19 to be, an unaccompanied alien child, as defined in section  
20 462(g)(2) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6  
21 U.S.C. 279(g)(2)).”.

22 (g) IN ABSENTIA REMOVAL FEE.—Section  
23 100016(c) of Public Law 119–21 (commonly known as the  
24 “One Big Beautiful Bill Act”) is amended by inserting  
25 before the period at the end the following: “, or in the

1 case of any individual who is, or was previously determined  
2 to be, an unaccompanied alien child, as defined in section  
3 462(g)(2) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6  
4 U.S.C. 279(g)(2))”.”.

5 (h) BORDER APPREHENSION FEE .—Section 100017  
6 of Public Law 119–21 (commonly known as the “One Big  
7 Beautiful Bill Act”) is amended by inserting at the end  
8 the following:

9 “(e) EXCEPTION.—This section shall not apply in the  
10 case of any individual who is, or was previously determined  
11 to be, an unaccompanied alien child, as defined in section  
12 462(g)(2) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6  
13 U.S.C. 279(g)(2)).”.

14 **SEC. 9. UPHOLDING PROTECTION SCREENINGS AND A FAIR**  
15 **LEGAL PROCESS.**

16 Section 100051(8) of Public Law 119–21 (commonly  
17 known as the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act”) is repealed.

18 **SEC. 10. LIMITATIONS BODY EXAMINATIONS.**

19 (a) BODY EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE DE-  
20 PARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.—Section  
21 100051(11) of Public Law 119–21 is repealed.

22 (b) BODY EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE OF-  
23 FICE OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT.—Section  
24 87001(b)(3) of Public Law 119–21 is repealed.



1   **SEC. 11. SPONSOR INFORMATION SHARING.**

2       Section 87001 of Public Law 119–21 (commonly  
3   known as the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act”), as amended  
4   by this Act, is further amended by adding at the end the  
5   following:

6       “(f) **LIMITATION ON INFORMATION SHARING.**—The  
7   Secretary of Health and Human Services shall ensure that  
8   information obtained under this section is not shared with  
9   Department of Homeland Security or any other Federal  
10   agency for the purpose of enforcing the immigration laws  
11   (as such term is defined in section 101 of the Immigration  
12   and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101)).”.

13   **SEC. 12. REFUND OF FEES.**

14       Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment  
15   of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security and the  
16   Attorney General shall refund each fee paid under a provi-  
17   sion of law repealed or amended by sections 7 through  
18   11 of this Act to each individual who paid such fee.

