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To provide for the termination of the Central American Minors Refugee/
Parole Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GOSAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

A BILL

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Minors Refugee/Parole Program.

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 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Central American Amnesty Termination Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) On December 1, 2014, in the face of serious
9 national security threats, and despite vigorous oppo-

1 sition from the Congress, the Obama Administration
2 began accepting applications for a new program
3 known as the “Central American Minors (CAM)
4 Refugee/Parole Program” (the “CAM program”) .

5 (2) Article 1, section 8, of the Constitution
6 gives the Congress clear jurisdiction on immigration
7 matters, and the unilateral creation of the CAM pro-
8 gram by executive action clearly infringes on that
9 authority.

10 (3) Under the CAM program, the Obama Ad-
11 ministration allows illegal aliens from 3 Central
12 American countries to fly to the United States and
13 be admitted into the United States.

14 (4) In a December 17, 2015, letter to multiple
15 Members of the Congress, U.S. Citizenship and Im-
16 migration Services Director Leon Rodriguez ac-
17 knowledged that the agency does not systematically
18 track whether CAM program applicants previously
19 have been removed from the United States or had
20 prior felony convictions.

21 (5) The December 2015 letter also revealed
22 that certain CAM program beneficiaries are imme-
23 diately eligible to work and obtain legal status in the
24 United States.

1 (6) Under the CAM program, certain bene-
2 ficiaries are eligible ultimately to obtain permanent
3 residence and are immediately eligible for certain
4 taxpayer-funded Federal benefits.

5 (7) Under the CAM program, certain bene-
6 ficiaries are able to pursue citizenship in the United
7 States after 5 years of permanent residence.

8 (8) The CAM program provides cash, loans for
9 flights to North America, reimbursements for DNA
10 testing, and medical assistance.

11 (9) The CAM program also waives certain fees
12 for participating beneficiaries, which fees are re-
13 quired to be paid by potential legal immigrants who
14 wish to enter this country in accordance with our
15 laws.

16 (10) The Department of State reported in April
17 2016, that 8,001 aliens from 3 Central American
18 countries have applied to be admitted to the United
19 States under the CAM program, and that 197 par-
20 ents and children already have been admitted under
21 the program.

22 (11) The December 2015 letter also stated that
23 at least 16 parents who completed an Affidavit of
24 Relationship under the CAM program were Deferred
25 Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients,

1 and indicated that the program plans eventually to
2 accept applications from the Deferred Action for
3 Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Resi-
4 dents (DAPA) program.

5 (12) DACA and DAPA were both created by
6 the Obama Administration through unconstitutional
7 executive action. An injunction to stop the creation
8 of DAPA and the expansion of DACA was upheld by
9 the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

10 (13) The Associated Press recently obtained in-
11 formation through a Freedom of Information Act re-
12 quest that revealed that, of the 71,000 unaccom-
13 panied alien minors placed with sponsors in the
14 United States from February 2014 to September
15 2015, most of who were from Central America, 80
16 percent were placed with illegal immigrants living in
17 the United States.

18 (14) U.S. Customs and Border Protection re-
19 ports that 141,192 unaccompanied alien minors
20 from Central American countries were apprehended
21 by the United States Border Patrol from October 1,
22 2008, through February 29, 2016.

23 (15) Total U.S. Customs and Border apprehen-
24 sion on the southwest border increased 28 percent in
25 March 2016 compared to the previous year, with

1 33,335 total Border Patrol apprehensions, 4,201 of
2 which were unaccompanied alien minors, and 4,448
3 of which were members of family units traveling to-
4 gether.

5 (16) In an April 2015 hearing, the Sub-
6 committee on Immigration and the National Interest
7 of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary heard im-
8 portant testimony on the CAM program.

9 (17) Testimony from officials within the Obama
10 Administration at the April 2015 hearing purported
11 that the CAM program would assist with reducing
12 the surge of unaccompanied alien minors on our
13 southwest border.

14 (18) Testimony at the April 2015 hearing re-
15 vealed that the CAM program will impose significant
16 costs on taxpayers and State and local governments.

17 (19) Testimony at the April 2015 hearing
18 found that the CAM program is not a true refugee
19 program, but rather is primarily an end-run around
20 the law to create a new admissions program for alien
21 families from 3 Central American countries in order
22 to unite them with other illegal aliens residing in the
23 United States.

24 (20) The April hearing also revealed that the
25 CAM program has contributed to the surge of unac-

1 accompanied alien minors flooding the United States,
2 as the program provides an incentive for further ille-
3 gal immigration.

4 (21) The CAM program has been a failure and
5 has not helped reduce the surge of unaccompanied
6 alien minors on our southwest border.

7 **SEC. 3. CERTAIN ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED.**

8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no funds,
9 resources, or fees made available to the Secretary of
10 Homeland Security, or to any other official of a Federal
11 agency, by any Act for any fiscal year, including any de-
12 posits into the “Immigration Examinations Fee Account”
13 established under section 286(m) of the Immigration and
14 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1356(m)), may be used to im-
15 plement, administer, or carry out the Central American
16 Minors Refugee/Parole Program, or any successor pro-
17 gram.