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H. R. 2662

To prohibit funds from being used to implement the Migrant Protection Protocols announced by the Secretary of Homeland Security on December 20, 2018.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ESCOBAR (for herself, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. NORTON, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. OMAR, Mr. GALLEGO, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. BONAMICI, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. DEAN, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. VELA, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. SPEIER, Ms. SCANLON, and Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Asylum Seeker Protec-
5 tion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds as follows:

1 (1) The United States is a nation of immi-
2 grants.

3 (2) The Immigration and Nationality Act allows
4 for immigrants to apply for asylum regardless of
5 manner of entry.

6 (3) All individuals seeking asylum in the United
7 States are entitled to due process and access to an
8 attorney. Sending asylum seekers to another country
9 limits or may completely eliminate their opportunity
10 to meet with counsel, thereby lowering their chances
11 of obtaining relief.

12 (4) The Department of Homeland Security an-
13 nounced the Migrant Protection Protocols on De-
14 cember 20, 2018, and it has already had devastating
15 consequences given that some migrants have been
16 returned to Mexico even though they fear staying in
17 the country.

18 (5) The 2018 Department of State country re-
19 port for Mexico acknowledges serious and targeted
20 risks faced by migrants and asylum seekers in, and
21 transiting through, Mexico, such that it remains an
22 unsafe place for many.

23 (6) Current immigration law is broken and
24 Congress must work to pass humane comprehensive
25 immigration reform.

1 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON FUNDING MIGRANT PROTECTION**
2 **PROTOCOLS.**

3 None of the funds made available by any Act may
4 be used to implement or enforce the Migrant Protection
5 Protocols announced by the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
6 rity on December 20, 2018, or any subsequent revisions
7 to those protocols.

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