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2D SESSION

H. R. 6822

For the relief of Vitaly Stepanov and Yuliya Stepanova.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 22, 2022

Mr. COHEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on the Judiciary

A BILL

For the relief of Vitaly Stepanov and Yuliya Stepanova.

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. PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS FOR VITALY**
4 **STEPANOV AND YULIYA STEPANOVA.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (a)
6 and (b) of section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality
7 Act, Vitaly Stepanov and Yuliya Stepanova shall each be
8 eligible for issuance of an immigrant visa or for adjust-
9 ment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for
10 permanent residence upon filing an application for
11 issuance of an immigrant visa under section 204 of such

1 Act or for adjustment of status to lawful permanent resi-
2 dent.

3 (b) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—If Vitaly Stepanov
4 and Yuliya Stepanova enter the United States before the
5 filing deadline specified in subsection (c), each such named
6 individual shall be considered to have entered and re-
7 mained lawfully and shall, if otherwise eligible, be eligible
8 for adjustment of status under section 245 of the Immi-
9 gration and Nationality Act as of the date of the enact-
10 ment of this Act.

11 (c) WAIVER OF GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL OR DENIAL
12 OF ADMISSION.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sections
14 212(a) and 237(a) of the Immigration and Nation-
15 ality Act, Vitaly Stepanov and Yuliya Stepanova
16 may not be removed from the United States, denied
17 admission to the United States, or considered ineli-
18 gible for lawful permanent residence in the United
19 States by reason of any ground for removal or denial
20 of admission that is reflected in the records of the
21 Department of Homeland Security or the Visa Office
22 of the Department of State on the date of the enact-
23 ment of this Act.

24 (2) RECESSION OF OUTSTANDING ORDER OF
25 REMOVAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security

1 shall rescind any outstanding order of removal or de-
2 portation, or any finding of inadmissibility or de-
3 portability, that has been entered against Vitaly
4 Stepanov and Yuliya Stepanova by reason of any
5 ground described in paragraph (1).

6 (d) DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF
7 FEES.—Subsections (a) and (b) shall apply only if the ap-
8 plication for issuance of an immigrant visa or the applica-
9 tion for adjustment of status is filed with appropriate fees
10 within 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

11 (e) REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBER.—
12 Upon the granting of an immigrant visa or permanent res-
13 idence to each of Vitaly Stepanov and Yuliya Stepanova,
14 the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper officer to
15 reduce by 1, during the current or next following fiscal
16 year, the total number of immigrant visas that are made
17 available to natives of the country of the alien's birth
18 under section 203(a) of the Immigration and Nationality
19 Act or, if applicable, the total number of immigrant visas
20 that are made available to natives of the country of the
21 alien's birth under section 202(e) of such Act.

22 (f) DENIAL OF PREFERENTIAL IMMIGRATION TREAT-
23 MENT FOR CERTAIN RELATIVES.—The natural parents,
24 brothers, and sisters of Vitaly Stepanov and Yuliya
25 Stepanova, shall not, by virtue of such relationship, be ac-

1 corded any right, privilege, or status under the Immigra-
2 tion and Nationality Act.

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