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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 29, 2012

Mr. BARLETTA (for himself, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. ROSS of Florida, Mr. LANCE, Mr. KELLY, and Mr. MARINO) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. GAO STUDY ON DHS PROSECUTORIAL DISCRE-**
2 **TION POLICY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the
4 United States shall conduct a study to determine the im-
5 pact the policy described in subsection (c) will have on the
6 United States. The study shall examine the following 4
7 areas of potential impact:

8 (1) NATIONAL SECURITY.—The national secu-
9 rity of the United States, including how much imple-
10 menting this policy will cost the Department of
11 Homeland Security in terms of manpower and other
12 costs.

13 (2) FRAUD.—How impacted Federal agencies
14 will address an increase in fraudulent documents.

15 (3) UNITED STATES WORKERS.—United States
16 workers (as defined in section 212(n)(4)(E) of the
17 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
18 1182(n)(4)(E))), including—

19 (A) the effectiveness of programs under
20 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 301 et seq.),
21 such as the Medicare Program under title
22 XVIII of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.);

23 (B) the national unemployment rate and
24 unemployment compensation; and

1 (C) the implementation of the Patient Pro-
2 tection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law
3 111–148).

4 (4) COMPETITIVENESS OF UNITED STATES
5 ECONOMY.—The economy of the United States, in-
6 cluding—

7 (A) Federal Pell Grants under section 401
8 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
9 U.S.C. 1070a);

10 (B) the supplemental nutrition assistance
11 program (SNAP) (formerly known as the food
12 stamp program) under the Food and Nutrition
13 Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.);

14 (C) college admissions and scholarships;
15 and

16 (D) Federal work-study programs under
17 part C of title IV of the Higher Education Act
18 of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.).

19 (b) STAY OF IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of
20 Homeland Security shall refrain from implementing the
21 policy described in subsection (c) until after the Comp-
22 troller General of the United States has completed the
23 study described in subsection (a) and submitted a report
24 to the Congress containing the results of the study.

1 (c) POLICY DESCRIBED.—The policy referred to in
2 subsections (a) and (b) is the policy set forth in the memo-
3 randum dated June 15, 2012, from Janet Napolitano,
4 Secretary of Homeland Security, regarding exercising
5 prosecutorial discretion with respect to individuals who
6 came to the United States illegally as children.

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