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To protect stateless persons in the United States, and for other purposes.

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Mr. RASKIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To protect stateless persons in the United States, and for other purposes.

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 “Stateless Protection  
5 Act of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

7 The purposes of this Act are—

1           (1) to resolve the status of stateless persons in  
2 the United States and to promote their access to  
3 fundamental human rights and human dignity; and

4           (2) to prevent statelessness from occurring  
5 under United States law or on United States terri-  
6 tory.

7 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

8           (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-  
9 ings:

10           (1) The international community has recognized  
11 the significance of the right to a nationality in the  
12 International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,  
13 done at New York December 16, 1966, to which the  
14 United States is a signatory, as well as the Uni-  
15 versal Declaration of Human Rights and numerous  
16 international treaties, including the Convention Re-  
17 lating to the Status of Stateless Persons, done at  
18 New York September 28, 1954, and the Convention  
19 on the Reduction of Statelessness, done at New York  
20 August 30, 1961.

21           (2) Statelessness is an abhorrent violation of  
22 fundamental human rights and human dignity, and  
23 a life of statelessness has been recognized by the Su-  
24 preme Court of the United States as a form of pun-  
25 ishment more primitive than torture.

1           (3) Government action and inaction causes  
2 statelessness; therefore, governments have the power  
3 to resolve and prevent statelessness.

4           (4) The United Nations High Commissioner for  
5 Refugees—

6                 (A) is the United Nations agency respon-  
7 sible for preventing and reducing statelessness;  
8 and

9                 (B) estimates that there are more than  
10 4,200,000 stateless persons worldwide.

11           (5) A 2020 study found that there are approxi-  
12 mately 218,000 individuals living in the United  
13 States who are stateless or at risk of statelessness.

14           (6) Stateless individuals live in all 50 States,  
15 and many such individuals have lived in the United  
16 States for years or decades without relief.

17           (7) Despite the presence of stateless persons in  
18 the United States, there is no law relating to the  
19 identification of stateless persons in the United  
20 States or to provide them with a path to legal sta-  
21 tus.

22           (8) Stateless persons generally—

23                 (A) live without the means to work legally  
24 or to travel; and

1 (B) face barriers in opening bank ac-  
 2 counts, pursuing higher education, and obtain-  
 3 ing health care.

4 (9) If detained for removal from the United  
 5 States, a stateless person is often subjected to pro-  
 6 longed detention and cannot be removed because no  
 7 country recognizes the person as its citizen.

8 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
 9 gress that to resolve statelessness and its related human  
 10 suffering, lost potential, and societal impacts, the United  
 11 States should—

12 (1) provide a legal status to protect stateless  
 13 persons; and

14 (2) urge the international community to take  
 15 strong action to prevent statelessness globally.

16 **SEC. 4. PROTECTION OF STATELESS PERSONS IN THE**  
 17 **UNITED STATES.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 5 of title II of the Immi-  
 19 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1255 et seq.) is  
 20 amended by inserting after section 245A the following:

21 **“SEC. 245B. PROTECTION OF STATELESS PERSONS IN THE**  
 22 **UNITED STATES.**

23 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 “(1) COMPETENT AUTHORITY.—With respect to  
 25 a foreign country, the term ‘competent authority’—

1 “(A) means the authority responsible for—

2 “(i) conferring nationality on, or with-  
3 drawing nationality from, individuals; or

4 “(ii) in the case of nationality having  
5 been acquired or withdrawn automatically,  
6 clarifying the nationality status of an indi-  
7 vidual; and

8 “(B) includes a Federal, local, or regional  
9 government entity, a consular official, and a  
10 government official at any level, notwith-  
11 standing any process by which a decision by  
12 such an entity or official may later be over-  
13 ridden.

14 “(2) NATIONAL; NATIONALITY.—The terms ‘na-  
15 tional’ and ‘nationality’—

16 “(A) refer to a formal link, of a political  
17 and legal character, between an individual and  
18 a country; and

19 “(B) do not include the concept of nation-  
20 ality relating to membership in a religious, lin-  
21 guistic, or ethnic group.

22 “(3) NONCITIZEN.—The term ‘noncitizen’ has  
23 the meaning given the term ‘alien’ in section 101(a).

1           “(4) OPERATION OF LAW; OPERATION OF ITS  
2           LAW.—The terms ‘operation of law’ and ‘operation  
3           of its law’—

4                   “(A) refer to the consideration by a com-  
5                   petent authority of a country with respect to an  
6                   individual in practice, including under the legis-  
7                   lation, ministerial decrees, regulations, orders,  
8                   judicial case law, and customary practices of  
9                   the competent authority; and

10                   “(B) include situations in which the posi-  
11                   tion of the competent authority differs from the  
12                   law as written, if the position of the competent  
13                   authority that an individual is not a national of  
14                   the country is determinative.

15           “(5) RELEVANT ASSOCIATION.—The term ‘rel-  
16           evant association’ means a natural person’s connec-  
17           tion to a country through—

18                   “(A) birth on the territory of the country;

19                   “(B) descent from 1 or more individuals  
20                   who are nationals of the country;

21                   “(C) marriage to an individual who is a  
22                   national of the country;

23                   “(D) adoption by an individual who is a  
24                   national of the country; or

25                   “(E) habitual residence in the country.

1           “(6) STATELESS PERSON.—The term ‘stateless  
2           person’ means an individual who is not considered as  
3           a national by any state under the operation of its  
4           law.

5           “(b) MECHANISMS FOR REGULARIZING THE STATUS  
6 OF STATELESS PERSONS.—

7           “(1) STATELESS PROTECTED STATUS.—

8           “(A) PRINCIPAL APPLICANTS.—Notwith-  
9           standing any other provision of law, the Sec-  
10          retary of Homeland Security shall provide  
11          stateless protected status to a noncitizen who—

12                   “(i) is a stateless person present in  
13                   the United States;

14                   “(ii) applies for such relief;

15                   “(iii) has not formally renounced his  
16                   or her nationality as a result of voluntary,  
17                   affirmative, and intentional action after ar-  
18                   rival in the United States and after the  
19                   date of the enactment of this section, un-  
20                   less the renunciation was the result of du-  
21                   ress, coercion, or a reasonable expectation  
22                   that the noncitizen had acquired or would  
23                   acquire another nationality or citizenship;  
24                   and

1           “(iv) is not inadmissible under  
2           212(a)(3), except as provided in paragraph  
3           (2) of this subsection; and

4           “(v) is not described in section  
5           241(b)(3)(B)(i).

6           “(B) TREATMENT OF SPOUSE AND CHIL-  
7           DREN.—Notwithstanding any other provision of  
8           law, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall  
9           provide stateless protected status to a noncit-  
10          izen who—

11           “(i) is the spouse or child of a noncit-  
12          izen described in subparagraph (A), if such  
13          spouse or child is not otherwise eligible for  
14          admission under that subparagraph;

15           “(ii) is accompanying, or following to  
16          join, such noncitizen;

17           “(iii) established the qualifying rela-  
18          tionship to such noncitizen before the date  
19          on which such noncitizen applied for state-  
20          less protected status;

21           “(iv) is not inadmissible under  
22          212(a)(3), except as provided in paragraph  
23          (2) of this subsection; and

24           “(v) is not described in section  
25          241(b)(3)(B)(i).



1                   “(C) STATELESS PROTECTED STATUS.—

2                   Noncitizens with stateless protected status—

3                   “(i) shall—

4                                 “(I) receive relevant protections  
5                                 against deportation, removal, and de-  
6                                 tention, as described in paragraph (3);

7                                 “(II) be authorized for employ-  
8                                 ment, as described in paragraph (4);  
9                                 and

10                                “(III) be eligible to apply for a  
11                                travel document, as described in para-  
12                                graph (5); and

13                                “(ii) shall not face limitations from  
14                                immigration enforcement officials on their  
15                                domestic travel.

16                   “(D) CONCURRENT GRANT OF LAWFUL  
17                   PERMANENT RESIDENCE.—

18                                “(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as pro-  
19                                vided in clause (ii), notwithstanding any  
20                                other provision of law, immediately on  
21                                granting stateless protected status to a  
22                                noncitizen, the Secretary of Homeland Se-  
23                                curity shall adjust the status of the noncit-  
24                                izen to that of a noncitizen lawfully admit-  
25                                ted for permanent residence.

1                   “(ii) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary of  
2                   Homeland Security may not adjust the sta-  
3                   tus of a noncitizen with stateless protected  
4                   status who is inadmissible under section  
5                   212(a)(2).

6                   “(2) WAIVERS.—

7                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any  
8                   other provision of law, the Secretary of Home-  
9                   land Security may, for humanitarian purposes,  
10                  in the interests of access to fundamental or en-  
11                  abling rights, to ensure family unity, or when it  
12                  is otherwise in the public interest, waive the op-  
13                  eration of the grounds of inadmissibility set  
14                  forth in paragraphs (2) and (3) of section  
15                  212(a), for relief under this section.

16                  “(B) FACTORS.—In making a determina-  
17                  tion under subparagraph (A), the Secretary of  
18                  Homeland Security shall consider all relevant  
19                  factors, including—

20                         “(i) mitigating and aggravating fac-  
21                         tors of the basis for inadmissibility;

22                         “(ii) the duration of the noncitizen’s  
23                         residence in the United States; and

24                         “(iii) the degree to which the nonciti-  
25                         zen’s removal, or denial of the noncitizen’s

1 application, would adversely affect the non-  
2 citizen or the noncitizen's United States  
3 citizen or lawful permanent resident family  
4 members.

5 “(3) RELEASE FROM POST-REMOVAL DETEN-  
6 TION.—A grant of stateless protected status under  
7 this section shall—

8 “(A) trigger immediate release of an indi-  
9 vidual from post-removal detention;

10 “(B) be considered to establish that there  
11 is no significant likelihood of the individual's re-  
12 moval in the reasonably foreseeable future; and

13 “(C) establish a presumption that travel  
14 documents are not available for the individual.

15 “(4) EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—An individual granted  
17 stateless protected status under this section  
18 shall receive employment authorization for a re-  
19 newable period not less than 5 years.

20 “(B) PENDING APPLICATION.—

21 “(i) IN GENERAL.—During the 150-  
22 day period after the date on which an ap-  
23 plication for status under this section is  
24 submitted, the Secretary of Homeland Se-

1           curity may authorize the applicant to en-  
2           gage in employment in the United States.

3           “(ii) MANDATORY EMPLOYMENT AU-  
4           THORIZATION.—If the Secretary of Home-  
5           land Security has not issued a decision  
6           within the 150-day period beginning on the  
7           date on which an application for status  
8           under this section is submitted, the Sec-  
9           retary of Homeland Security shall author-  
10          ize the applicant to engage in employment  
11          in the United States until the date on  
12          which a decision is issued on the applica-  
13          tion for lawful permanent residence or  
14          stateless protected status.

15          “(5) TRAVEL DOCUMENTS.—

16               “(A) IN GENERAL.—On request, the Sec-  
17               retary of Homeland Security shall provide to  
18               any noncitizen granted relief under this section,  
19               a travel document that facilitates the nonciti-  
20               zen’s ability to travel abroad and to be admitted  
21               to the United States upon return.

22               “(B) VALIDITY.—The minimum period of  
23               validity for a document issued under subpara-  
24               graph (A) shall be 10 years.

1           “(6) NATURALIZATION.—Notwithstanding any  
2 other provision of law, an individual granted lawful  
3 permanent residence status under paragraph (1)(D)  
4 may apply for naturalization after having resided  
5 continuously in the United States for at least 3  
6 years beginning on the date on which such individual  
7 is granted lawful permanent resident status.

8           “(c) EVIDENTIARY MATTERS.—

9           “(1) IN GENERAL.—In determining if an indi-  
10 vidual is a stateless person under this section, the  
11 Secretary of Homeland Security shall consider and  
12 obtain any credible evidence relevant to the applica-  
13 tion, including information from—

14                   “(A) the Department of State, particularly  
15 the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Mi-  
16 gration and the Bureau of Democracy, Human  
17 Rights, and Labor; and

18                   “(B) relevant international and foreign  
19 bodies, such as the United Nations High Com-  
20 missioner for Refugees, nongovernmental orga-  
21 nizations, and the competent authorities of  
22 other countries.

23           “(2) DESIGNATION OF SPECIFIC GROUPS OF  
24 STATELESS PERSONS.—The Secretary of Homeland  
25 Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State,

1 may designate 1 or more specific groups of individ-  
2 uals who shall be considered stateless persons for  
3 purposes of this section, and a noncitizen who be-  
4 longs to a group so designated shall be considered  
5 a stateless person.

6 “(3) BURDEN OF PROOF.—The burden of proof  
7 with respect to evidentiary matters relating to an  
8 application under this section shall be shared be-  
9 tween the Secretary of Homeland Security and the  
10 applicant.

11 “(4) STANDARD OF PROOF.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A noncitizen shall be  
13 considered to be a stateless person if it is estab-  
14 lished to a reasonable degree that the noncit-  
15 izen meets the definition of the term ‘stateless  
16 person’ under this section.

17 “(B) ASSESSMENT OF NATIONALITY.—The  
18 nationality of an individual shall be assessed as  
19 of the date on which a determination of eligi-  
20 bility under this section is made.

21 “(5) SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTARY EVI-  
22 DENCE.—

23 “(A) SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FROM AP-  
24 PPLICANT.—An applicant for relief under this

1 section shall submit, as part of the application  
2 for such relief—

3 “(i) a full and truthful account, to the  
4 best of the noncitizen’s knowledge, of such  
5 noncitizen’s legal status with regard to any  
6 country in which the applicant was born or  
7 resided before entering the United States  
8 or to which the applicant has a relevant as-  
9 sociation; and

10 “(ii) all evidence reasonably available,  
11 including any valid or expired travel docu-  
12 ment.

13 “(B) EVIDENCE AVAILABLE TO SEC-  
14 RETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY.—The Sec-  
15 retary of Homeland Security shall obtain and  
16 submit to the immigration officer or immigra-  
17 tion judge and the applicant or, as applicable,  
18 the applicant’s counsel, all available evidence re-  
19 garding the legal status of the applicant in the  
20 applicant’s country of birth or prior residence  
21 or any country to which the applicant has a rel-  
22 evant association, including information on the  
23 relevant laws and practices of the countries con-  
24 cerned.

1           “(C) CONSIDERATION OF RESPONSE.—The  
2           Secretary of Homeland Security may consider  
3           as substantial evidence that an individual is not  
4           considered by a country to be a national of the  
5           country the following:

6                   “(i) After 120 days have elapsed after  
7                   the Secretary of Homeland Security has  
8                   requested information from the country  
9                   with respect to the nationality status of the  
10                  individual, the lack of response from the  
11                  competent authority of the country.

12                  “(ii) A pro forma response from the  
13                  country that lacks an application of the  
14                  law or facts to the particular individual.

15                  “(iii) The refusal of the country to ac-  
16                  cept the individual for deportation or re-  
17                  moval.

18           “(d) FEES.—The Secretary of Homeland Security  
19           may not charge a noncitizen any fee in connection with  
20           an application for, or issuance of, lawful status under this  
21           section, employment authorization, or travel documents.

22           “(e) JURISDICTION AND REVIEW.—

23                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of U.S. Citi-  
24                   zenship and Immigration Services shall have juris-  
25                   diction over an application for stateless protected



1 status and adjustment of status filed by a noncitizen  
2 under this section.

3 “(2) REVIEW.—A denial by the Secretary of  
4 Homeland Security of an application for relief under  
5 this section shall be subject to review by the Admin-  
6 istrative Appeals Office of U.S. Citizenship and Im-  
7 migration Services.

8 “(f) EFFECT ON REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.—With re-  
9 spect to a noncitizen in removal proceedings who files an  
10 application for relief under this section, the Attorney Gen-  
11 eral shall postpone the removal proceedings pending the  
12 adjudication of the application.

13 “(g) APPLICANTS WITH FINAL ORDERS OF RE-  
14 MOVAL.—

15 “(1) MOTIONS TO REOPEN.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A noncitizen whose  
17 removal, deportation, or exclusion proceedings  
18 were concluded before the date of the enact-  
19 ment of this section, and who is eligible for re-  
20 lief under this section, may file 1 motion to re-  
21 open proceedings to apply for such relief not  
22 later than 1 year after the date of the enact-  
23 ment of this section.

24 “(B) EFFECT OF LIMITATIONS.—A time or  
25 numerical limitation on motions to reopen re-

1           moval, deportation, or exclusion proceedings  
2           may not be construed to restrict the filing of a  
3           motion to reopen under this paragraph if such  
4           limitation is based on previously unavailable evi-  
5           dence or facts, or on changed facts or cir-  
6           cumstances, including a discovery by a noncit-  
7           izen that the noncitizen may be a stateless per-  
8           son.

9           “(2) STAY OF REMOVAL.—

10           “(A) IN GENERAL.—An applicant for relief  
11           under this section who has been issued a final  
12           order of removal, deportation, or exclusion may  
13           request a stay of removal, deportation, or exclu-  
14           sion.

15           “(B) CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST.—With  
16           respect to an individual who requests a stay  
17           under subparagraph (A), if the Secretary of  
18           Homeland Security determines that the applica-  
19           tion for relief is bona fide, the Secretary shall  
20           automatically stay the execution of the final  
21           order of deportation, exclusion, or removal, and  
22           the stay will remain in effect until a final deci-  
23           sion is made on the applications.

24           “(C) EFFECT OF DENIAL.—If the applica-  
25           tion is denied, the stay of the final order is

1           deemed lifted as of the date of such denial,  
2           without regard to whether the noncitizen ap-  
3           peals the decision.

4           “(3) TERMINATION.—On the grant of an appli-  
5           cation for relief under this section to a noncitizen  
6           with a final order of removal, deportation, or exclu-  
7           sion, the final order shall be deemed canceled by op-  
8           eration of law as of the date of the approval.

9           “(h) EXCLUSION FROM NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.—  
10          Individuals provided status under this section shall not be  
11          counted against any numerical limitation under section  
12          201(d), 202(a), or 203(b)(4).

13          “(i) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
14          tion may be construed to authorize or require the admis-  
15          sion of any noncitizen to the United States.

16          “(j) REPORTS.—

17                  “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days  
18                  after the date of the enactment of this section, and  
19                  every 90 days thereafter, the Secretary of Homeland  
20                  Security shall submit to the Committee on the Judi-  
21                  ciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judi-  
22                  ciary of the House of Representatives a report on—

23                          “(A) the number of applications submitted  
24                          under each of paragraphs (1), (4), and (5) of  
25                          subsection (b) since the date of the enactment

1 of this section, disaggregated by the country of  
2 birth of the applicants; and

3 “(B) average timelines for processing each  
4 such application.

5 “(2) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary of  
6 Homeland Security shall publish each report sub-  
7 mitted under paragraph (1) on the internet website  
8 of the Department of Homeland Security, respec-  
9 tively.

10 “(k) PUBLICATION OF GUIDANCE.—Not later than  
11 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
12 Secretary of Homeland Security shall publish all policy  
13 manuals, guidance, and application instructions relating  
14 to applications under this section on the internet website  
15 of the Department of Homeland Security.

16 “(l) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-  
17 curity may issue such regulations as the Secretary of  
18 Homeland Security considers appropriate to carry out this  
19 section.”.

20 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

21 (1) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of con-  
22 tents for the Immigration and Nationality Act (8  
23 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) is amended by inserting after  
24 the item relating to section 245A the following:

“Sec. 245B. Protection of stateless persons in the United States.”.

1           (2) EXCEPTION FOR UNLAWFUL PRESENCE OF  
2 STATELESS PERSONS.—Section 212(a)(9)(B)(iii) of  
3 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
4 1182(a)(9)(B)(iii)) is amended by adding at the end  
5 the following:

6                                   “(V) STATELESS PERSONS.—  
7                                   Clause (i) shall not apply to a noncit-  
8                                   izen who demonstrates that he or she  
9                                   is a stateless person (as defined in  
10                                   section 245B(a)).”.

11 **SEC. 5. PREVENTION OF STATELESSNESS.**

12           (a) BIRTHS TO UNITED STATES CITIZENS OVER-  
13 SEAS.—Section 301 of the Immigration and Nationality  
14 Act (8 U.S.C. 1401) is amended—

15                   (1) in subsection (g), by striking “; and” and  
16                   inserting a semicolon;

17                   (2) in subsection (h), by striking the period at  
18                   the end and inserting “; and”; and

19                   (3) by adding at the end the following:

20                   “(i) a person born to a citizen of the United States  
21                   outside the United States or in an outlying possession of  
22                   the United States, if such person is born as a stateless  
23                   person (as defined in section 245B(a)).”.

1 (b) FOUNDLINGS.—Section 301 of the Immigration  
2 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1401) is further amended  
3 by striking subsection (f) and inserting the following:

4 “(f) a person of unknown parentage found in the  
5 United States while under the age of 18 years, until  
6 shown, prior to the person attaining the age of 21 years,  
7 not to have been born in the United States;”.

8 (c) STATELESS SAFEGUARDS FOR DERIVATIVE CITI-  
9 ZENSHIP AND INTERNATIONAL ADOPTIONS.—

10 (1) STATELESS SAFEGUARDS.—Section 320 of  
11 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
12 1431) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
13 lowing:

14 “(e)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
15 a person born outside the United States or in an outlying  
16 possession who is or becomes a stateless person (as defined  
17 in section 245B(a)) automatically becomes a citizen of the  
18 United States on the date on which one of the following  
19 conditions has been fulfilled:

20 “(A) One parent is or was a citizen of the  
21 United States.

22 “(B) The person was adopted by—

23 “(i) a citizen of the United States; or

1           “(ii) an individual who became a citizen of  
2           the United States after the date of such adop-  
3           tion.

4           “(2) This subsection applies to any person who meets  
5 the criteria under paragraph (1) at any time.”.

6           (2) AGE.—Section 320(a) of the Immigration  
7           and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1431(a)) is amended  
8           by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the fol-  
9           lowing:

10           “(2) The child is under the age of 21 years.”.

11           (3) ENTRY AND CUSTODY.—Section 320(a) of  
12           the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
13           1431(a)) is further amended by striking paragraph  
14           (3) and inserting the following:

15           “(3) The child is residing in the United States,  
16           and provided such child is under the legal age of  
17           adulthood in the State in which the parent of the  
18           child or the child resides, is in the legal and physical  
19           custody of the citizen parent.”.

20           (d) PROGRAMS TO PREVENT STATELESSNESS.—The  
21           Secretary of Homeland Security and Secretary of State  
22           shall jointly establish and carry out initiatives to prevent  
23           statelessness from occurring, which may include—

24           (1) an assessment of United States citizenship  
25           law to determine and amend any provision of law

1 that results in statelessness or a delayed acquisition  
2 of nationality that increases the risk of statelessness;

3 (2) studies on the profiles and number of state-  
4 less people living in the United States;

5 (3) programs to promote inclusive and non-  
6 discriminatory nationality laws and practices in  
7 other countries, with particular attention to the pre-  
8 vention of atrocity crimes;

9 (4) programs to encourage other countries to  
10 establish stateless status determination and protec-  
11 tion legislation; and

12 (5) grants to universities and nongovernmental  
13 organizations to accelerate research, education, cur-  
14 ricula, and knowledge on nationality law and prac-  
15 tice and statelessness.

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