

HR 4944

Reuniting Families Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (62 total)

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Del. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Feb 6, 2018
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Clark, Katherine M. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Ellison, Keith [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Gomez, Jimmy [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Hanabusa, Colleen [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2018

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Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Crowley, Joseph [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Feb 14, 2018
Rep. O'Rourke, Beto [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Feb 14, 2018
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Feb 14, 2018
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Mar 6, 2018
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Apr 18, 2018
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		May 7, 2018
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		May 9, 2018
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		May 16, 2018
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		May 17, 2018
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Jun 6, 2018
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Jul 3, 2018
Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Jul 11, 2018
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Jul 25, 2018
Rep. Pelosi, Nancy [D-CA-12]	D · CA		Aug 24, 2018
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Sep 20, 2018
Rep. Nolan, Richard M. [D-MN-8]	D · MN		Oct 12, 2018
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Nov 6, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 6, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Reuniting Families Act

This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) to

- recapture unused employment-based and family-sponsored visas from FY1992-FY2016;
- reclassify spouses, permanent partners, minor children, and stepchildren of permanent residents as immediate relatives;
- repeal the per-country immigration limits;
- repeal specified bars to reentry and allow waivers of inadmissibility to promote family unity;
- exempt children of naturalized Filipino veterans from immigration limitations; and
- allow relatives of a deceased alien to maintain visa eligibility.

The bill defines "permanent partner" to purposes of applying the INA to LGBT families and individuals.

Actions Timeline

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