

## HR 5058

### Immigrant Witness and Victim Protection Act of 2018

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security. (Mar 8, 2018)

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Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Mar 1, 2018
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Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Mar 21, 2018
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Jun 7, 2018
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Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jun 12, 2018
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Jun 27, 2018
Rep. Shea-Porter, Carol [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Jun 27, 2018
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Dec 10, 2018

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 8, 2018

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Immigration

### Related Bills

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No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Feb 15, 2018)

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#### **Immigrant Witness and Victim Protection Act of 2018**

This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the annual numerical limit on nonimmigrant U visas (victims of crime who are willing to assist law enforcement in investigations and prosecutions).

The Department of Homeland Security shall grant work authorizations to aliens with a pending application for a nonimmigrant U visa or a T visa (victims of trafficking in persons who are willing to assist law enforcement in investigations and prosecutions).

The bill prohibits, with specified exceptions, the following nonimmigrants from being considered inadmissible or subject to removal or deportation until there is a final denial of status application:

- a U or T visa applicant,
- a battered spouse seeking employment authorization,
- a battered spouse or child seeking permanent resident status,
- an alien seeking temporary protected status (TPS), or
- a self-petitioning alien seeking protections under the Violence Against Women Act.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 8, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Feb 15, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 15, 2018:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.