

## HR 3776

### Correcting Hurtful and Alienating Names in Government Expression (CHANGE) Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Jul 16, 2019

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. (Aug 6, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/3776>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20]

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

## Cosponsors (23 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Mucarsel-Powell, Debbie [D-FL-26]	D · FL		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Jul 18, 2019
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Jul 18, 2019
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Jul 18, 2019
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Aug 6, 2019
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Aug 6, 2019
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Aug 6, 2019
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Feb 26, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 6, 2019
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 16, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Immigration

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4819	Related bill	Oct 20, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S6331-6332)
116 HR 6637	Related bill	Jul 9, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.

### Summary (as of Jul 16, 2019)

## Correcting Hurtful and Alienating Names in Government Expression (CHANGE) Act

This bill prohibits any executive agency from using the term *alien* to refer to an individual who is not a U.S. citizen or national, or *illegal alien* to refer to such an individual who is unlawfully present in the United States or lacks lawful immigration status. This prohibition does not apply when quoting certain texts.

The bill (1) establishes a uniform definition for the term *foreign national* when used in acts of Congress and agencies; (2) replaces *alien* with *foreign national* in federal government documents, including statutes and regulations; and (3) replaces *illegal alien* with *undocumented foreign national* in such documents.

Under the bill, a *foreign national* is any individual other than an individual (1) who is a citizen of the United States; or (2) though not a citizen of the United States, who owes permanent allegiance to the United States.

## Actions Timeline

- **Aug 6, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Jul 16, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 16, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, 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.