

## HR 883

Families Belong Together Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Jan 30, 2019

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. (Mar 25, 2019)

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### Sponsor

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

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

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Gomez, Jimmy [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 25, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Immigration

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 271	Identical bill	<b>Jan 30, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## **Families Belong Together Act**

This bill grants lawful permanent resident status to certain aliens who were separated from immediate family members by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Children and their legal guardians or parents shall be eligible if DHS separated them and failed to demonstrate in a hearing that the legal guardian or parent was unfit or presented a danger to the child. Such a child shall be eligible whether he or she remained in the custody of DHS or the Office of Refugee Settlement, was released to a sponsor, or repatriated to his or her country of origin.

Individuals who are inadmissible for various grounds, including those related to criminal activity or security concerns, shall not be eligible.

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services shall grant all applications from eligible individuals for humanitarian parole or for lawful permanent resident status, and no application fees may be charged.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 25, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Jan 30, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 30, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.