



Summary of H.R. 4720

Expedited Family Reunification Act of 2016

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Congressman Matt Salmon (R-AZ) introduced the Expedited Family Reunification Act of 2016 to close the loophole in the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPPRA) that prevents the quick return of UACs from Central American countries.

The bill establishes the same removal process for UACs from contiguous countries and Central America

Section 3 amends TVPPRA Section 235(a) to establish the same removal process for UACs from Belize, Canada, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, and any other country deemed appropriate by the DHS Secretary, provided they are not victims of trafficking nor have a credible fear of persecution from their home country.

Why this Bill is Necessary.

Under current law, UACs from Mexico and Canada (contiguous countries) can be promptly returned home while UACs from the rest of the world are given additional layers of process. This loophole in the TVPPRA, combined with President Obama's refusal to enforce our immigration laws, has caused a surge of UACs from Central America to unlawfully cross the Southern border. Once here, they are given a court date several years down the road and then released into the interior of the country. Fully aware that the Obama administration will not track them down, nearly 90% failing to appear at their immigration court hearings. Although this bill provides for the prompt repatriation of UACs from the most problematic non-contiguous countries, UACs from anywhere else in the world are still subject to the additional layers of process which can be exploited.

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