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To prohibit individuals charged with human trafficking or drug trafficking offenses committed near the border of the United States from receiving Federal benefits.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CAMMACK (for herself, Mr. CRENSHAW, and Mr. DESJARLAIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Stop Taxpayer Fund-
5 ing of Traffickers Act”.

6 **SECTION 2. PROHIBITION ON FEDERAL BENEFITS FOR**
7 **HUMAN TRAFFICKERS AND DRUG TRAF-**
8 **FICKERS.**

9 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

1 (1) the term “covered trafficking offense”
2 means a human trafficking offense or a drug traf-
3 ficking offense for which any portion of the course
4 of conduct constituting the human trafficking of-
5 fense or drug trafficking offense occurred at an
6 international border of the United States or within
7 the territorial waters of the United States;

8 (2) the term “drug trafficking offense” means
9 any Federal offense that includes as an element of
10 the offense the distribution of a controlled substance
11 (as defined in section 102 of the Controlled Sub-
12 stances Act (21 U.S.C. 802));

13 (3) the term “Federal benefit”—

14 (A) means the issuance of any grant, con-
15 tract, loan, professional license, or commercial
16 license provided by an agency of the United
17 States or by appropriated funds of the United
18 States; and

19 (B) includes any retirement, welfare, So-
20 cial Security, health, disability, veterans, public
21 housing, or other similar benefit; and

22 (4) the term “human trafficking offense”
23 means an offense under—

1 (A) section 1581, 1583, 1584, 1589, 1590,
2 1591, 2251A, 2421, 2422, or 2423 of title 18,
3 United States Code; or

4 (B) section 274(a) of the Immigration and
5 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324(a)).

6 (b) PROHIBITION ON BENEFITS.—An individual who
7 is indicted for or charged in an information with a covered
8 trafficking offense shall be ineligible for any Federal ben-
9 efit.

10 (c) TERMINATION OF PROHIBITION.—If, for each
11 covered trafficking offense with which an individual is
12 charged, the charge is dismissed or the individual is found
13 not guilty of the covered trafficking offense—

14 (1) the ineligibility of the individual for any
15 Federal benefit under subsection (b) shall terminate;
16 and

17 (2) the Federal Government shall pay to the in-
18 dividual any pecuniary Federal benefit that was not
19 paid to the individual because the individual was in-
20 eligible for the Federal benefit under subsection (b).

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