

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 4539

To amend title IV of the Social Security Act to target funds to truly needy families.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 19, 2021

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska (for himself and Mrs. WALORSKI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## 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 “Focusing State Efforts  
5 to Expand Opportunity Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TARGETING FUNDS TO TRULY NEEDY FAMILIES.**

7 Section 404(k) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
8 604(k)) is amended to read as follows:

9 “(k) PROHIBITIONS.—A State to which a grant is  
10 made under this part shall not use the grant to provide

1 any assistance or services to a family whose monthly in-  
2 come exceeds twice the poverty line (as defined by the Of-  
3 fice of Management and Budget, and revised annually in  
4 accordance with section 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget  
5 Reconciliation Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 9902(2))).”.

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