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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEHLS (for himself, Mr. BACON, Mrs. CAMMACK, and Mr. GOSAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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angel families, and for other purposes.

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 “Justice for Angel Fam-
5 ilies Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR ANGEL FAMILIES.**

7 Section 1403 of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984
8 (34 U.S.C. 20102) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (b), by amending paragraph
10 (1) to read as follows:

1 “(1) such program is operated by a State and
2 offers compensation to—

3 “(A) victims and survivors of victims of
4 criminal violence, including drunk driving and
5 domestic violence, for—

6 “(i) medical expenses attributable to a
7 physical injury resulting from a compen-
8 sable crime, including expenses for mental
9 health counseling and care;

10 “(ii) loss of wages attributable to a
11 physical injury resulting from a compen-
12 sable crime; and

13 “(iii) funeral expenses attributable to
14 a death resulting from a compensable
15 crime; or

16 “(B) angel families for—

17 “(i) medical expenses attributable to
18 any injury resulting from a compensable
19 crime, including expenses for mental health
20 counseling and care;

21 “(ii) loss of wages attributable to
22 emotional distress resulting from a com-
23 pensable crime; and

1 “(iii) funeral expenses attributable to
2 a death resulting from a compensable
3 crime;”; and

4 (2) in subsection (d)—

5 (A) in paragraph (4), by striking “; and”
6 and inserting a semicolon;

7 (B) in paragraph (5), by striking the pe-
8 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

9 (C) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(6) the term ‘angel family’ means the imme-
11 diate family members of any individual who is a vic-
12 tim of homicide committed by—

13 “(A) an alien described in section
14 212(a)(6)(A)(i) of the Immigration and Nation-
15 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(6)(A)(i)) who is un-
16 lawfully present in the United States; or

17 “(B) any member of an international
18 criminal organization involved in the unlawful
19 trafficking of controlled substances (as defined
20 in section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act
21 (21 U.S.C. 802)), including an international
22 drug cartel.”.

1 **SEC. 3. VICTIMS OF IMMIGRATION CRIME ENGAGEMENT**

2 **OFFICE.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Title I of the Homeland Se-
4 curity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 111 et seq.) is amended by
5 adding at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 104. VICTIMS OF IMMIGRATION CRIME ENGAGEMENT**

7 **OFFICE.**

8 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 “(1) ALIEN.—The term ‘alien’ means an indi-
10 vidual who—

11 “(A) is described in section 212(a)(6)(A)(i)
12 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
13 U.S.C. 1182(a)(6)(A)(i)); and

14 “(B) is unlawfully present in the United
15 States.

16 “(2) DIRECTOR.—The term ‘Director’ means
17 the Director of the Victims of Immigration Crime
18 Engagement Office established pursuant to sub-
19 section (b).

20 “(b) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish,
21 within the Office of the Secretary, the Victims of Immigra-
22 tion Crime Engagement Office to provide proactive, time-
23 ly, and professional services to victims of crimes com-
24 mitted by aliens who are inadmissible under section
25 212(a), deportable under section 237(a), or otherwise un-

1 lawfully present in the United States, and to the family
2 members of such victims.

3 “(c) DUTIES.—The Office shall be headed by a Direc-
4 tor, who shall—

5 “(1) create a hotline for victims described in
6 subsection (b) and for the family members of such
7 victims—

8 “(A) to ensure that such victims and fam-
9 ily members receive the support they need, in-
10 cluding by—

11 “(i) providing information available to
12 help victims and their family members un-
13 derstand the immigration enforcement and
14 removal process;

15 “(ii) liaising with social service profes-
16 sionals to assist in providing support serv-
17 ices referral information; and

18 “(iii) directing victims and their fam-
19 ily members to a wide range of available
20 resources;

21 “(B) to assist victims and family members
22 of victims to register for automated custody
23 status information related to the criminal alien;

1 “(C) to provide victims and their family
2 members with releasable criminal or immigra-
3 tion history about the criminal alien; and

4 “(D) to provide immediate services to vic-
5 tims and their family members and collect
6 metrics and information to determine additional
7 resource needs and how to improve services to
8 victims; and

9 “(2) conduct a case study on providing
10 proactive, timely, and professional services to victims
11 of crimes, and the family members of such victims,
12 that are committed by aliens who are inadmissible
13 under section 212(a), deportable under section
14 237(a), or otherwise unlawfully present in the
15 United States.

16 “(d) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after
17 the date of the enactment of the Justice for Angel Fami-
18 lies Act, and annually thereafter, the Director shall submit
19 to Congress a report regarding the impact on victims of
20 crimes committed by aliens who are inadmissible under
21 section 212(a), deportable under section 237(a), or other-
22 wise unlawfully present in the United States that in-
23 cludes—

24 “(1) a summary of the case study described in
25 subsection (c)(2); and

1 “(2) information regarding—

2 “(A) the demographics of such victims and
3 criminal aliens;

4 “(B) the locations of such crimes;

5 “(C) the type of crimes committed; and

6 “(D) whether the criminal aliens have com-
7 mitted multiple crimes.”.

8 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
9 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101 et
10 seq.) is amended by inserting after the item relating to
11 section 103 the following:

“Sec. 104. Victims of Immigration Crime Engagement Office.”.

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