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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. Ocasio-Cortez introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on ____________________

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 “A Just Society: The
5 Embrace Act”.

(Original Signature of Member)
SEC. 2. FEDERAL PUBLIC BENEFIT ACCESSIBILITY FOR ALIENS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law (including title IV of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.)), an individual who is an alien (without regard to the immigration status of that alien) may not be denied any Federal public benefit solely on the basis of the individual’s immigration status.

(b) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the term “Federal public benefit” means—

(1) any grant, contract, loan, professional license, or commercial license provided by an agency of the United States or by appropriated funds of the United States; and

(2) any retirement, welfare, health, disability, public or assisted housing, postsecondary education, food assistance, unemployment benefit, or any other similar benefit for which payments or assistance are provided to an individual, household, or family eligibility unit by an agency of the United States or by appropriated funds of the United States.