



Support the ASSIMILATION Act (H.R. 8827) — But Without Mandatory E-Verify



ACT NOW: U.S. Representative Andy Ogles (R-Tenn.) has introduced the American System for Sustainable Immigration and Mass Immigration Limitations Achieved Through Imposing Oversight Nationally (ASSIMILATION) Act ([H.R. 8827](#)). Introduced on May 14, 2026, **it would repeal key provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965, also known as the Hart-Celler Act.**

If enacted, **the ASSIMILATION Act would limit family-based immigration to immediate family members only — spouses and minor children — ending the endless chain migration that has allowed one immigrant to sponsor dozens of extended relatives.** It would also repeal the “Green Card Lottery” U.S. Diversity Visa program, which grants 55,000 immigrant visas annually through a random lottery to people from countries with low migration rates to the United States, with no regard for skills, work ethic, or ability to assimilate. **It would also strengthen vetting with enhanced background checks, social-media reviews, and in-person interviews while raising “good moral character” standards to exclude those with visa violations and criminal histories.**

The only provision we do not support is Section 601, which would make the federal E-Verify system mandatory for every employer and every new hire in the United States. Although we agree that illegal aliens should not gain employment in the United States, **E-Verify is a federally controlled program that would regulate employment for all businesses and employees — including American citizens.** Additionally, because it is a federal program, E-Verify does not function during government shutdowns, jeopardizing both employers/employees and immigration enforcement. **Congress must remove E-Verify from H.R. 8827.**

The ASSIMILATION Act would restore the requirement that U.S. citizenship must be earned, and end the current system that weaponizes immigration policy against Americans. Ogles said in a [press release](#):

America is not a boarding house for the world. For decades, our immigration system has been weaponized against American workers, American families, and American culture.... The ASSIMILATION Act ends the national funeral pyre of mass migration and restores the basic truth that citizenship must be earned through loyalty, assimilation, and a commitment to the American way of life.

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In the decades since the Hart-Celler Act was passed, ***chain migration has fueled uncontrolled migration that expands welfare participation, depresses wages for American workers, and deters cultural assimilation. The ASSIMILATION Act would replace this failed system with a merit-based system that prioritizes immigrants who follow U.S. law, embrace American culture and values, and are economically self-sufficient, protecting U.S. citizens.***

U.S. immigration policy must serve the American people, not foreign citizens through chain migration and random lotteries. The ASSIMILATION Act would protect our national security and identity, and restore control over who is allowed to enter our country.

Contact your U.S. representative and senators, and urge them to co-sponsor and support H.R. 8827, the ASSIMILATION Act, while removing the unconstitutional E-Verify provision.