

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8004

To amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to eliminate the repatriation loan program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 19, 2026

Mrs. DINGELL (for herself and Mr. McGOVERN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “Leave No Americans
5 Behind Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF REPATRIATION LOANS BY DE-**
7 **PARTMENT OF STATE.**

8 Section 4 of the State Department Basic Authorities
9 Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2671) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (b)(2)(A)(ii), by striking “, on
2 a reimbursable basis to the maximum extent prac-
3 ticable, with such reimbursements to be credited to
4 the applicable Department of State appropriation
5 and to remain available until expended, except that
6 no reimbursement under this clause shall be paid
7 that is greater than the amount the person evacu-
8 ated would have been charged for a reasonable com-
9 mercial air fare immediately prior to the events giv-
10 ing rise to the evacuation”; and

11 (2) by striking subsection (d).

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