

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 5102
OFFERED BY MS. TENNEY OF NEW YORK**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Flights for Freedom
3 Act”.

4 SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

5 It is the sense of Congress that—

6 (1) American citizens and lawful permanent
7 residents should heed travel guidance from the De-
8 partment of State and should register with the De-
9 partment of State via the Smart Traveler Enroll-
10 ment Program when traveling abroad; and

11 (2) in accordance with the Secretary of State’s
12 August 25, 2021, and subsequent public statements
13 indicating the Department would pay for repatri-
14 ations of Americans present in Afghanistan, the De-
15 partment should continue to waive any expectation
16 of repayment of any travel expenses incurred by the
17 Department on behalf of any United States citizen
18 or lawful permanent resident remaining in Afghani-

1 stan since August 31, 2021, who still wishes to de-
2 part.

3 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON FUTURE SOLICITATION OF REIM-**
4 **BURSEMENT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection
6 (b)(2)(A)(ii) of section 4 of the State Department Basic
7 Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2671), with respect
8 to future evacuations and repatriations to the United
9 States of American citizens and lawful permanent resi-
10 dents present in Afghanistan prior to the completion of
11 withdrawal of the Armed Forces from Afghanistan on Au-
12 gust 31, 2021, and remaining in Afghanistan as of the
13 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall
14 waive any expectation of repayment of any travel expenses
15 incurred by the Department of State on behalf of any such
16 remaining United States citizens or lawful permanent resi-
17 dents so evacuated and repatriated to the United States.

18 (b) NULLIFICATION.—If in existence, any promissory
19 note or other written obligation to repay an emergency re-
20 patriation loan signed by a United States citizen or a law-
21 ful permanent resident of the United States to reimburse
22 the Department of State for travel expenses related to
23 their evacuation or repatriation from Afghanistan during

1 the withdrawal of Armed Forces from Afghanistan in Au-
2 gust 2021 shall be null and void.

