

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4725**  
**OFFERED BY MR. CÁRDENAS OF CALIFORNIA**

Page 2, before line 1, insert the following new sub-section:

1       (c) FINDINGS; SENSE OF THE HOUSE.—

2           (1) FINDINGS.—The House of Representatives  
3 finds the following:

4           (A) This Act will hurt Americans across  
5 the board, including children, seniors, health  
6 providers, and the most vulnerable in the  
7 United States.

8           (B) If the House of Representatives is seri-  
9 ous about reducing the Federal budget deficit,  
10 then the Congress should consider serious legis-  
11 lation that would actually reduce the deficit and  
12 supercharge our economy, such as through the  
13 enactment of comprehensive immigration re-  
14 form.

15           (C) The successful enactment of com-  
16 prehensive immigration reform depends on se-  
17 curing the sovereignty of the United States and  
18 establishing a coherent and just system for in-

1           tegrating those who seek to join American soci-  
2           ety.

3           (D) As a nation founded, built, and sus-  
4           tained by immigrants, the United States has a  
5           responsibility to harness the power of that tra-  
6           dition in a balanced way that secures a more  
7           prosperous future for America.

8           (E) The United States has always wel-  
9           comed newcomers and will continue to do so.  
10          But in order to qualify for the honor and privi-  
11          lege of eventual citizenship, our laws must be  
12          followed. The world depends on the United  
13          States to be strong, economically, militarily,  
14          and ethically. The establishment of a stable,  
15          just, and efficient immigration system supports  
16          those goals.

17          (F) Comprehensive immigration reform  
18          broadens pathways for people to enter the coun-  
19          try legally to work and reunite with their fami-  
20          lies. It provides an accessible path to citizenship  
21          for people living and working in the shadows.

22          (G) The nonpartisan Congressional Budget  
23          Office found that comprehensive immigration  
24          reform can cut the Federal budget deficit by

1           \$900 billion and create hundreds of thousands  
2           of jobs.

3           (2) SENSE OF THE HOUSE.—It is the sense of  
4           the House of Representatives that, in order to meet  
5           the budget deficit reduction targets contemplated by  
6           this Act without harming the health of children and  
7           other vulnerable populations, it would be in the best  
8           interest of the United States to enact comprehensive  
9           immigration reform legislation instead of provisions  
10          that reduce funding for the Medicaid program,  
11          CHIP, and the Prevention and Public Health Fund.

          Add at the end the following new section:

12 **SEC. 7. CHANGES IN MEDICAID AND MEDICARE PROGRAM**  
13                   **ELIGIBILITY FOR LAWFULLY PRESENT**  
14                   **ALIENS.**

15          (a) MEDICAID.—Notwithstanding any other provision  
16          of law, an individual who is an alien lawfully present in  
17          the United States—

18               (1) shall be treated as a citizen or national of  
19               the United States for purposes of determining eligi-  
20               bility for medical assistance under title XIX of the  
21               Social Security Act; and

22               (2) shall not be subject to any durational resi-  
23               dence or status requirement in determining such eli-  
24               gibility.

1 (b) MEDICARE.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
2 sion of law, an individual who is an alien lawfully present  
3 in the United States—

4 (1) shall be treated as a citizen or national of  
5 the United States for purposes of determining eligi-  
6 bility for benefits or to enroll under part A, B, or  
7 D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act; and

8 (2) shall not be subject to any durational resi-  
9 dence or status requirement in determining such eli-  
10 gibility.

11 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsections (a) and (b) shall  
12 apply to items and services furnished after the date of the  
13 enactment of this Act.

