AMENDMENT TO LABOR/HHS/EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MS. KAPTUR OF OHIO AND MS. CLARK OF MASSACHUSETTS

On page 99 of the Committee Report, under the heading “REFUGEE AND ENTRANT ASSISTANCE”, insert the following language directly after the table:

Protection of DNA.—The Committee understands that DNA testing is being used for the purpose of reunifying families that were separated by the Department of Homeland Security. The Committee directs the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) to ensure the protection of privacy and genetic material, data, or information of children, parents, and of all individuals being tested and their relatives. The Committee prohibits any governmental agency or private entity from accessing, using, or storing any genetic material, data, or information collected in this reunification effort, including for the purpose of criminal or immigration enforcement. Any genetic material, data, and information obtained should be fully destroyed after testing and the probability of a genetic relationship is calculated. The entities conducting the DNA testing shall obtain the consent of any individual over age 18 prior to testing, and
shall make every effort to obtain the consent of a guardian prior to testing on anyone under age 18.