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Statement for the Record on the hearing 'Why Don't They Just Get in Line?' Barriers to Legal Immigration" held April 28, 2021.

Submission by the Association of Americans Resident Overseas

Thank you, Representative Zoe Lofgren, Representative Tom McClintock, and members of the House Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship, for this opportunity to submit this written statement in support of the American Families United Act HR 2920.

The Association of Americans Resident Overseas (AARO), consistent with its founding principles, supports the AMERICAN FAMILIES UNITED ACT and urges its quick passage on a bi-partisanship basis.

AARO is a Paris based, non-partisan, volunteer, not-for-profit organization which represents the interests of Americans abroad throughout the world, including stateside residents who share our concerns.

Since its creation in 1973, AARO has successfully fought to modify legislation and regulations that had the effect of discriminating against American citizens living abroad. AARO's actions were particularly geared to preserving the unity of American families by promoting gender equality and reducing unwarranted impediments to the transmission of American nationality within the family unit.

Through its advocacy efforts, AARO was able to help secure for overseas Americans their fundamental right to vote and the lowering of the years that a foreign-born citizen needed to reside in the U.S. to pass citizenship to their own children from 10 to 5 years.

Respectfully submitted,

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