

A Bill to Establish Refugee Protections for Venezuelan Migrants

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall implement a designated refugee status for
3 Venezuelan migrants fleeing political oppression, violence, or severe
4 economic difficulties, providing them with a pathway to permanent
5 residency.

6 **SECTION 2.** A. "Refugee status" shall be defined as a protected immigration
7 classification permitting Venezuelan migrants to lawfully reside and work
8 in the United States.

9 B. "Venezuelan migrants" shall refer to individuals who are either
10 nationals of Venezuela or long-term residents seeking asylum due to
11 verified risks of persecution or other significant hardships.

12 **SECTION 3.** The enforcement of this legislation shall be carried out by the U.S.
13 Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the U.S. Citizenship and
14 Immigration Services (USCIS)..

15 A. A fund of \$100 million shall be allocated to USCIS to facilitate the
16 implementation of this policy

17 B. USCIS shall have the authority to issue work visas to Venezuelan
18 refugees as deemed necessary, prioritizing applicants with urgent
19 employment needs and granting immediate work authorization upon
20 approval.

21 C. USCIS shall collaborate with relevant organizations to support job
22 placement for Venezuelan migrants in key industries such as
23 healthcare, agriculture, and education. Preference shall be given to
24 individuals with expertise in these sectors.

25 D. A portion of the designated funding shall be used to develop English
26 as a Second Language (ESL) programs to help Venezuelan migrants
27 integrate and succeed in the U.S. workforce.

28 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brooklyn Debate League.