

119TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 8004

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 19, 2026

Mrs. DINGELL (for herself and Mr. MCGOVERN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Leave No Americans  
5 Behind Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF REPATRIATION LOANS BY DE-**  
7 **PARTMENT OF STATE.**

8 Section 4 of the State Department Basic Authorities  
9 Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2671) is amended—

1           (1) in subsection (b)(2)(A)(ii), by striking “, on  
2           a reimbursable basis to the maximum extent prac-  
3           ticable, with such reimbursements to be credited to  
4           the applicable Department of State appropriation  
5           and to remain available until expended, except that  
6           no reimbursement under this clause shall be paid  
7           that is greater than the amount the person evacu-  
8           ated would have been charged for a reasonable com-  
9           mercial air fare immediately prior to the events giv-  
10          ing rise to the evacuation”; and

11          (2) by striking subsection (d).

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