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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To prohibit the disclosure of records by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development of individuals for the purposes of immigration enforcement, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. VARGAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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. CONFIDENTIALITY OF DEPARTMENT OF HOUS-**
4 **ING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT RECORDS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section
6 552a(b)(7) of title 5, United States Code, or any other
7 law, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development

1 (hereafter referred to as the “Secretary”) may not, for
2 the purposes of immigration enforcement, disclose any
3 record which is contained in a system of records by any
4 means of communication to any person, or to another
5 agency, except pursuant to a written request made in a
6 language of proficiency by, or with the prior consent of,
7 the individual to whom the record pertains, regardless of
8 the immigration status of such individual.

9 (b) PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCIES.—The Secretary
10 may not compel a public housing agency to disclose any
11 record as described in subsection (a).

12 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date
13 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
14 to the Congress a report which contains—

15 (1) a timeline for how the Secretary will comply
16 with this Act;

17 (2) a confirmation that the records described in
18 this Act have been secured;

19 (3) a description of how records described in
20 subsection (a) have been shared before the date of
21 the enactment of this Act; and

22 (4) a description of how the Secretary will en-
23 sure compliance with this Act.

24 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

1 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the
2 meaning given such term in section 551 of title 5,
3 United States Code.

4 (2) IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT.—The term
5 “immigration enforcement” means, with respect to
6 an individual with an alleged immigration violation,
7 any law enforcement action pursuant to title 8,
8 United States Code.

9 (3) PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY.—The term
10 “public housing agency” has the meaning given the
11 term in section 3(b) of the United States Housing
12 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)).

13 (4) RECORD.—The term “record” means any
14 item, collection, or grouping of information about an
15 individual that is maintained by the Secretary of
16 Housing and Urban Development or a public hous-
17 ing agency.

18 (5) SYSTEM OF RECORDS.—The term “system
19 of records” means a group of any records under the
20 control of the Secretary of Housing and Urban De-
21 velopment or a public housing agency from which in-
22 formation is retrieved by the name of an individual
23 or by some identifying number, symbol, or other
24 identifying particular assigned to an individual.