

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 1958
OFFERED BY M__.**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Deporting Fraudsters
3 Act of 2026”.

**4 SEC. 2. INADMISSIBILITY AND DEPORTABILITY RELATED
5 TO DEFRAUDING THE UNITED STATES GOV-
6 ERNMENT OR THE UNLAWFUL RECEIPT OF
7 PUBLIC BENEFITS.**

8 (a) INADMISSIBILITY.—Section 212(a)(2) of the Im-
9 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(2)) is
10 amended by adding at the end the following:

11 “(J) DEFRAUDING THE UNITED STATES
12 GOVERNMENT OR THE UNLAWFUL RECEIPT OF
13 PUBLIC BENEFITS.—Any alien who has been
14 convicted of, who admits having committed, or
15 who admits committing acts which constitute
16 the essential elements of—

17 “(i) an offense described in section 15
18 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7

1 U.S.C. 2024) (relating to violations of
2 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Pro-
3 gram benefits);

1 “(vii) an offense described in section
2 371 of title 18, United States Code (relat-
3 ing to conspiracy to commit offense or to
4 defraud United States);

5 “(viii) any other offense that involves
6 defrauding the United States Government
7 or the unlawful receipt of a Federal public
8 benefit (as such term is defined in section
9 401(c) of the Personal Responsibility and
10 Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of
11 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1611) or a State or local
12 public benefit (as such term is defined in
13 section 411(c) of such Act (8 U.S.C.
14 1621)); or

15 “(ix) a conspiracy to commit an of-
16 fense described in clause (i) through (viii),
17 is inadmissible.”.

18 (b) DEPORTABILITY.—Section 237(a)(2) of the Im-
19 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(2)) is
20 amended by adding at the end the following:

21 “(G) DEFRAUDING THE UNITED STATES
22 GOVERNMENT OR THE UNLAWFUL RECEIPT OF
23 PUBLIC BENEFITS.—Any alien who has been
24 convicted of, who admits having committed, or

1 who admits committing acts which constitute
2 the essential elements of—

3 “(i) an offense described in section 15
4 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7
5 U.S.C. 2024) (relating to violations of
6 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Pro-
7 gram benefits);

8 “(ii) an offense described in section
9 208 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
10 408) (relating to fraud involving social se-
11 curity account numbers or social security
12 cards);

13 “(iii) an offense described in section
14 666 of title 18, United States Code (relat-
15 ing to theft or bribery concerning pro-
16 grams receiving Federal funds);

17 “(iv) an offense described in section
18 1028 of title 18, United States Code (re-
19 lating to fraud and related activity in con-
20 nection with identification documents, au-
21 thentication features, and information);

22 “(v) an offense described in section
23 1031 of title 18, United States Code (re-
24 lating to major fraud against the United
25 States);

1 “(vi) an offense described under chapter
2 63 of title 18, United States Code (re-
3 lating to mail fraud and other fraud of-
4 fenses);
5 “(vii) an offense described in section
6 371 of title 18, United States Code (relat-
7 ing to conspiracy to commit offense or to
8 defraud United States);
9 “(viii) any other offense that involves
10 defrauding the United States Government
11 or the unlawful receipt of a Federal public
12 benefit (as such term is defined in section
13 401(c) of the Personal Responsibility and
14 Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of
15 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1611) or a State or local
16 public benefit (as such term is defined in
17 section 411(c) of such Act (8 U.S.C.
18 1621)); or
19 “(ix) a conspiracy to commit an of-
20 fense described in clause (i) through (viii),
21 is deportable.”.

22 (c) INELIGIBILITY FOR ANY IMMIGRATION RELIEF.—
23 Any alien described in subparagraph (J) of section
24 212(a)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
25 U.S.C. 1128(a)(2)(J)) or subparagraph (G) of section

1 237(a)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
2 U.S.C. 1227(a)(2)) shall be ineligible for any relief under
3 the immigration laws (as such term is defined in section
4 101 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
5 1101)), including under section 2242 of the Omnibus Con-
6 solidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations
7 Act, 1999 (112 Stat. 2681).

