

U.S. Rep. Grothman: Introduces bill to support immigrant self-sufficiency

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(Washington, D.C.) – Congressman Glenn Grothman (R-Glenbeulah) today introduced [H.R. 848](#), which will require an individual to be a U.S. citizen in order to receive welfare benefits, such as Medicare, Medicaid and SNAP.

[H.R. 848](#) will encourage more hard-working immigrants to come to America, while discouraging those who only seek to come here to take advantage of our welfare state. A [study published in 2015](#) shows that both legal and illegal immigrant households take advantage of the welfare system far more than native-born households. Moreover, [Politifact](#) confirms that half of immigrant families receive some form of welfare.

It is [estimated](#) that [H.R. 848](#) would save taxpayers \$60 billion in its first year.

*“The welfare system in America, while started with good intentions, is in need of a major overhaul.” **Said Grothman.** “We need to clean up the welfare system so those who really do need help get it, but those who are able to work, should. America has become a beacon of prosperity throughout the world not because of our generous welfare system, but by how many jobs we provide for those looking for a better life for their family and themselves. I want to give every immigrant a hand-up instead of a hand-out so they too can share the dignity that comes with an honest day’s work, just like my ancestors had when they came to this country.”*

“Grothman’s bill provides a better strategy to support immigrant self-sufficiency and protect taxpayers.” [The Weekly Standard](#)

“Grothman’s bill will save taxpayers a boatload of money, and it would do it without

losing the benefits that hardworking immigrants provide. With more self-reliant immigrants, America could open its doors to even more who want to contribute to this country.” [The Weekly Standard](#)