

# **U.S. Rep. Kind: Works with La Crosse-Area man to introduce bill to unite family bill will help veterans bring adult children born overseas to United States**

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La Crosse - Today, U.S. Rep. Ron Kind reintroduced the Uniting Families Act, a bipartisan bill that will give veteran parents of adult children, who are foreign citizens, a pathway to bring those children to the United States. This legislation puts in place common sense measures that are not currently in place for children over the age of 21.

"I am proud to support the Uniting Families Act, a bipartisan bill that got its start by working together with a Wisconsinite on an issue that impacted him and his family. I thank John for his advocacy on the issue, and look forward to this bill giving our Veterans a simple and legal pathway to bring their adult children to the United States," said Rep. Ron Kind.

"This bill shows that we can put our differences aside for the common good," said John Haines, La Crosse-area father of a daughter who would be helped by this legislation.

The Uniting Families Act creates a special visa category for the children of veterans

who live abroad and wish to move to the United States. Veteran parents will be able to sponsor their child while they travel to the United States and prepare to take a citizenship test. Upon successfully completing the citizenship test, the individual will be converted to lawful permanent resident status.

The bill was co-introduced with Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA).

Read H.R. 1640, the Uniting Families Act, [here](#).