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113TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform the provisions  
relating to status under section 101(a)(15)(U) of that Act.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mrs. BLACK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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. ELIGIBILITY.**

4       Section 101(a)(15)(U) of the Immigration and Na-  
5       tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(U)) is amended—

6               (1) by amending clause (ii) to read as follows:

1 “(ii) the spouse and children of an alien de-  
2 scribed in clause (i), if accompanying or following to  
3 join the alien; and”; and

4 (2) in clause (iii), by striking “or attempt, con-  
5 spiracy, or solicitation to commit any of the above  
6 mentioned crimes;”.

7 **SEC. 2. DURATION OF STATUS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 214(p)(6) of such Act (8  
9 U.S.C. 1184(p)(6)) is amended to read as follows:

10 “(6) DURATION OF STATUS.—The authorized  
11 period of status of an alien as a nonimmigrant  
12 under section 101(a)(15)(U) shall be not more than  
13 the shorter of 3 years or the period of limitations  
14 prescribed in the applicable law governing the crimi-  
15 nal activity described in section 101(a)(15)(U)(iii).  
16 Such authorized period of status shall be extended  
17 upon certification from a Federal, State, or local law  
18 enforcement official, prosecutor, judge, or other Fed-  
19 eral, State, or local authority investigating or pros-  
20 ecuting criminal activity described in section  
21 101(a)(15)(U)(iii) that the alien’s presence in the  
22 United States is required to assist in the investiga-  
23 tion or prosecution of such criminal activity. The  
24 Secretary of Homeland Security may extend, beyond  
25 the period authorized under this section, the author-

1        ized period of status of an alien as a nonimmigrant  
2        under section 101(a)(15)(U) if the Secretary deter-  
3        mines that an extension of such period is warranted  
4        due to exceptional circumstances. The Secretary may  
5        grant work authorization to any alien who has a  
6        pending, bona fide application for nonimmigrant sta-  
7        tus under section 101(a)(15)(U).”.

8        (b) LIMITATION ON ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—Sec-  
9        tion 245 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1255) is amended by strik-  
10       ing subsection (m).