

Senator Rand Paul’s “Secure the Treasury” Taxpayer Protection Amendment

Senator Rand Paul’s “Secure the Treasury” Amendment will provide further protections for taxpayers against individuals in a new immigration status from becoming dependent on the welfare state. This amendment will prevent individuals in Registered Provisional Immigrant status (RPIs) from getting access to ObamaCare and welfare.

No Tax Windfall for Registered Provisional Immigrants - RPIs will not be allowed to claim refundable tax credits, thus getting more back from the IRS than what they owe in back taxes, until they become citizens under Gang of Eight legislation.

- **Refugees and Asylees** - Refugees and asylees will not be allowed on public welfare for more than one year and must not be a continuing burden to the taxpayer.
- **No Access to Welfare** - RPIs will not have access to welfare benefits. All of the following programs will be limited to citizens to clarify existing law that allows some non-citizens access to the welfare state. Emergency medical assistance is not prohibited.
 - **Welfare Reform Act**
 - **Medicaid**
 - **SNAP – Food Stamps**
 - **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)**
 - **Supplementary Security Income (SSI)**
 - **Earned Income Tax Credit**
 - **Pell Grants**
 - **Housing Vouchers**
 - **Social Security**
 - **Medicare.**
- **Enforcement Mechanism** – States that do not implement procedures to prevent non-citizens from receiving the benefits of the welfare state will lose 10% of federal matching funds for means-tested benefit programs each year procedures are not in place. Also, the amendment bars individuals who illegally receive these listed benefits from gaining citizenship status.
- **Verification**
 - Requiring states to ask for proof of citizenship for welfare benefits.
 - Verifying through requiring state use of the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program for all beneficiaries.
 - Putting RPI’s identification in SAVE as an ineligible category of persons for welfare will allow them to be successfully screened.
 - State agencies must report to DHS suspicious or fraudulent identity information given to state welfare offices.
 - The “Privacy Act” shall not be construed to prevent state agencies from checking the citizenship status of an individual requesting access to welfare benefits.