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115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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

To authorize appropriations for family unification vouchers for rental housing assistance, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Expanding Housing  
5 Opportunities for Foster Youth Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

8 (1) approximately 21,000 foster youth age out  
9 of foster care each year according to the Administra-

1           tion for Children and Families (ACF) of the Depart-  
2           ment of Health and Human Services;

3           (2) more than 1 out of every 4 foster youth who  
4           age out of foster care will experience homelessness  
5           by age 21, according to survey data from the Na-  
6           tional Youth in Transition Database compiled by the  
7           ACF;

8           (3) access to safe, decent, and affordable hous-  
9           ing is essential to helping foster youth successfully  
10          transition to adulthood;

11          (4) foster youth deserve a place to call home  
12          without being singled out for harmful requirements  
13          like work requirements as a condition of receiving  
14          housing assistance;

15          (5) the Family Unification Vouchers program  
16          of the Department of Housing and Urban Develop-  
17          ment provides housing assistance for foster youth  
18          along with case management, without work require-  
19          ments; and

20          (6) there is insufficient funding for Family Uni-  
21          fication Vouchers to serve all foster youth in need.

1 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDING FOR FAMILY UNIFI-**  
2 **CATION VOUCHERS PROGRAM.**

3 Paragraph (1) of section 8(x) of the United States  
4 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(x)(1)) is amended  
5 to read as follows:

6 “(1) INCREASE IN BUDGET AUTHORITY.—The  
7 budget authority available under section 5(c) for  
8 voucher assistance under section 8(o) is authorized  
9 to be increased by \$200,000,000 on or after October  
10 1, 2018, and any such sums made available shall re-  
11 main available until expended.”.