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Musgrave supports updating Reconstruction Era Citizenship Law

Bill curbs abuses by illegal aliens with disproportionate birthrates

Washington, DC: Congresswoman Marilyn Musgrave (CO-04) acted to curb the abuse of a law dating back to 1868 by illegal immigrants. She co-sponsored the Citizenship Reform Act. Currently, 10 percent of all U.S. births are by parents who entered our country illegally.

"I am disappointed by the trend of children being used as a meal ticket to citizenship," said Musgrave. "I support this bill because it updates our citizenship laws to reflect our nation's current circumstances and not those of the post Civil War Reconstruction era."

Specifically, the Citizenship Reform Act amends the Immigration and Nationality Act allowing a child to automatically become a citizen if they have at least one parent who is an American citizen or legal resident. Currently, a child born in the United State is a citizen regardless of their parents' citizenship status.

A recent report by the *Center for Immigration Studies* stated illegal immigrants have a birthrate that is nearly 50 percent higher than U.S. citizens.