

117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 6822

For the relief of Vitaly Stepanov and Yuliya Stepanova.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 22, 2022

Mr. COHEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

For the relief of Vitaly Stepanov and Yuliya Stepanova.

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. PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS FOR VITALY**  
4 **STEPANOV AND YULIYA STEPANOVA.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (a)  
6 and (b) of section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality  
7 Act, Vitaly Stepanov and Yuliya Stepanova shall each be  
8 eligible for issuance of an immigrant visa or for adjust-  
9 ment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for  
10 permanent residence upon filing an application for  
11 issuance of an immigrant visa under section 204 of such

1 Act or for adjustment of status to lawful permanent resi-  
2 dent.

3 (b) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—If Vitaly Stepanov  
4 and Yuliya Stepanova enter the United States before the  
5 filing deadline specified in subsection (c), each such named  
6 individual shall be considered to have entered and re-  
7 mained lawfully and shall, if otherwise eligible, be eligible  
8 for adjustment of status under section 245 of the Immi-  
9 gration and Nationality Act as of the date of the enact-  
10 ment of this Act.

11 (c) WAIVER OF GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL OR DENIAL  
12 OF ADMISSION.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sections  
14 212(a) and 237(a) of the Immigration and Nation-  
15 ality Act, Vitaly Stepanov and Yuliya Stepanova  
16 may not be removed from the United States, denied  
17 admission to the United States, or considered ineli-  
18 gible for lawful permanent residence in the United  
19 States by reason of any ground for removal or denial  
20 of admission that is reflected in the records of the  
21 Department of Homeland Security or the Visa Office  
22 of the Department of State on the date of the enact-  
23 ment of this Act.

24 (2) RECESSION OF OUTSTANDING ORDER OF  
25 REMOVAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security

1        shall rescind any outstanding order of removal or de-  
2        portation, or any finding of inadmissibility or de-  
3        portability, that has been entered against Vitaly  
4        Stepanov and Yuliya Stepanova by reason of any  
5        ground described in paragraph (1).

6        (d) DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF  
7        FEES.—Subsections (a) and (b) shall apply only if the ap-  
8        plication for issuance of an immigrant visa or the applica-  
9        tion for adjustment of status is filed with appropriate fees  
10       within 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

11       (e) REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBER.—  
12       Upon the granting of an immigrant visa or permanent res-  
13       idence to each of Vitaly Stepanov and Yuliya Stepanova,  
14       the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper officer to  
15       reduce by 1, during the current or next following fiscal  
16       year, the total number of immigrant visas that are made  
17       available to natives of the country of the alien's birth  
18       under section 203(a) of the Immigration and Nationality  
19       Act or, if applicable, the total number of immigrant visas  
20       that are made available to natives of the country of the  
21       alien's birth under section 202(e) of such Act.

22       (f) DENIAL OF PREFERENTIAL IMMIGRATION TREAT-  
23       MENT FOR CERTAIN RELATIVES.—The natural parents,  
24       brothers, and sisters of Vitaly Stepanov and Yuliya  
25       Stepanova, shall not, by virtue of such relationship, be ac-

1 corded any right, privilege, or status under the Immigra-  
2 tion and Nationality Act.

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