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# H. R. 4984

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 6, 2021

Ms. VAN DUYNE (for herself, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. GOHMERT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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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 “Reversing Executive  
5 Negligence Towards American Laws Act” or the “RENT-  
6 AL Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPLICIT STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION FOR IMPO-**  
2 **SITION OF MORATORIUM ON EVICTIONS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—No Federal official, including the  
4 President and the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-  
5 ices, may establish, extend, maintain, implement, or en-  
6 force a moratorium on evictions unless Federal statute ex-  
7 plicitly authorizes such action.

8 (b) MORATORIUM ON EVICTIONS DEFINED.—In this  
9 Act, the term “moratorium on evictions” means a rule or  
10 order that prevents an action, with respect to real prop-  
11 erty, by a landlord, owner of real property, or other person  
12 with a legal right to pursue eviction to remove or cause  
13 the removal of a tenant, lessee, resident, or a trespasser  
14 on real property, from such property.

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