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My mother was born in another country. In 1923, three generations of her family migrated to the U.S. together. She was an alien during World War II and was naturalized in 1949 when she married my father, the son of two immigrants. She was never arrested or treated cruelly during the war for her alien status.

My parents, their parents and siblings, and I have all lived in safety in this country; were allowed to work, pursue higher education, buy homes, and raise families. Never have any of us been afraid of being deported or treated with unfairness because we are first and second generation citizens. My ancestors come from Canada and England.

Why should this be different for immigrants coming from other countries? What is happening to immigrants in our country today is unconscionable; and if there's anything we can do about it, we should be doing it.

Please support this bill.