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While I support the initiative to improve Maines economy and take advantage of new immigrants' skills, we have lost the meaning of "American" one is American only if born here or naturalized. Merely moving here does not qualify one for American status. The name American violates the legal definition of American. So I strongly object to that term.

If I move to Mexico, Italy, Sweden, etc I am not automatically Mexican, Italian or Swedish (etc). I would have to follow their rules and laws in order to identify as such. I do not understand how we have evolved that a person stepping into America is automatically American.

Please revise the title. It can be new residents in America or something like that. But these immigrants are not American. We should not have a law that seemingly confers American status. This sets a precedent that is not consistent with the laws of the land.