



## **Include the Adoptee Citizenship Act in the FY23 NDAA or Appropriations Omnibus**

*Alliance for Adoptee Citizenship urges Congress to include the Adoptee Citizenship Act in either the FY23 National Defense Authorization Act or an FY23 Omnibus Appropriations Bill.*

A version of the Adoptee Citizenship Act already passed the House as [an amendment to H.R. 4521](#), the United States Innovation and Competition Act of 2021. Unfortunately, it was **not included** in the Senate passed version nor the [CHIPS and Science Act](#) ultimately signed into law.

Thousands of Americans who were adopted from abroad as children by U.S. citizen parents cannot benefit from the automatic citizenship provision of [the Childhood Citizenship Act of 2000](#), all because they were 18 years of age or older on February 27, 2001. The Adoptee Citizenship Act of 2021 fixes this issue, ensuring all individuals who were adopted abroad as children by U.S. citizens and are in the United States pursuant to lawful admission can acquire citizenship.

The Act is **bipartisan and has bicameral support**, with companion bills having been previously introduced by Representative Smith of Washington ([H.R. 1593](#)) and Senator Blunt of Missouri ([S. 967](#)). Versions of this language have been introduced repeatedly beginning in 2013. It is time for Congress to move this solution over the finish line.

To learn more about how your boss can support passage of this important legislative fix by including it in either the NDAA or an FY23 Omnibus, please email Michelle Liang ([michelle@nakasec.org](mailto:michelle@nakasec.org)).

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The [Alliance for Adoptee Citizenship](#) (AAC) is a coalition of organizations dedicated to passage of the 2021 Adoptee Citizenship Act in the 117th Congress (H.R. 1593 & S967).