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115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. JUDY CHU of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Streamlining FAFSA
5 Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. ZERO EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION FOR SIM-**
2 **PLIFIED NEEDS TESTS.**

3 Section 479(c) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
4 (20 U.S.C. 1087ss(c)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “or” at the
6 end;

7 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at
8 the end and inserting “; or”; and

9 (3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(3) in the case of an independent student
12 without dependents—

13 “(A) the student (and the student’s
14 spouse, if any)—

15 “(i) files, or is eligible to file, a form
16 described in subsection (b)(3);

17 “(ii) certifies that the student (and
18 the student’s spouse, if any) is not re-
19 quired to file a Federal income tax return;

20 “(iii) is a dislocated worker or has a
21 spouse who is a dislocated worker; or

22 “(iv) received benefits at some time
23 during the previous 24-month period under
24 a means-tested Federal benefit program as
25 defined under subsection (d); and

1 “(B) the sum of the adjusted gross income
2 of the student and spouse (if appropriate) is
3 less than or equal to \$23,000.”.