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House of Representatives
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H.R. 5759 - English as the Official Language Act of 2008

Dear Colleague:

Please join me in co-sponsoring H.R. 5759, the *English as the Official Language Act of 2008*, which makes English the national language and states that there is no entitlement to receive federal documents and services in languages other than English unless explicitly required by statute.

This legislation is identical to S. 2715, which was recently introduced by Senator Jim Inhofe in the U.S. Senate.

The *English as the Official Language Act of 2008* would amend title 4 of United States Code, to declare English as the national language of the Government of the United States. **Under this bill, no person has a right, entitlement, or claim to have the Government of the United States or any of its officials or representatives act, communicate, perform or provide services, or provide materials in any language other than English unless specifically provided by statute.** My bill also states that, if an exception **is** made with respect to the use of a language other than English, the exception does **not** create a legal entitlement to additional services in that language or any language other than English.



America's genius has always been assimilation, taking legal immigrants and turning them into American citizens. The key to assimilation, of course, is a shared language. Large-scale immigration without effective assimilation threatens social cohesion and America's shared values.

The *English as the Official Language Act of 2008* will help reduce costs to our federal government and improve the assimilation of new legal immigrants in our nation. This debate is about preserving our culture and heritage and, moreover, about bettering the odds of our nation's newest potential citizens achieving the American dream.

Please contact Stephen Kraly (202-225-4101 or stephen.kraly@mail.house.gov) if you would like to become a co-sponsor of **H.R. 5759, the *English as the Official Language Act of 2008*.**

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul C. Broun" followed by a stylized flourish.

Paul C. Broun, M.D. (GA-10)
Member of Congress