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2025 Immigration Priorities

One of the most important issues for voters in the 2024 election was combatting illegal immigration. Americans from all states are concerned about public safety, national security, and the impact on budgets, education, and the job market from the uncontrolled influx of illegal immigrants. While the One Big Beautiful Bill did contain additional funding for border security, there is still more Congress can do – and things Congress should NOT do – to address illegal immigration.

SUPPORT: *Secure the Border Act (H.R. 2 in the 118th Congress)*

- H.R. 2 would codify the “Remain in Mexico” policy that President Trump re-established during his first days in office. It would require immigrants traveling through Mexico to seek asylum there first or remain in their home country while they await the decision from the United States, instead of the disastrous Biden policy of “catch and release.” This will reduce the chances of illegal immigrants skirting court dates or abusing benefits paid for by hard working Americans.
- H.R. 2 would unite unaccompanied minors with their families and screen each one to ensure that they are not being trafficked. During the Biden administration, hundreds of thousands of unaccompanied minors, often transported by cartels, were released into the U.S. without any oversight or follow-up from the federal government.
- H.R. 2 will make illegal immigrants face civil and criminal penalties for breaking U.S. immigration laws. It will create parity between visa overstays and illegal border crossers. The U.S. needs to send the message to those abusing our immigration system that regardless of the method of arrival, they will face consequences.
- Funding is provided for necessary border wall construction and new technology, as well as providing necessary resources to border patrol agents. Additionally, E-Verify is made mandatory for employers to identify who they are hiring and their legal status in the United States.

SUPPORT: *Safeguard American Voter Eligibility – SAVE Act (H.R. 22)*

- The *SAVE Act* is a necessary measure to protect election integrity and ensure that only American citizens are voting in federal elections
- It strengthens current law by enforcing proof of citizenship when registering to vote
- It directs states to put in place programs to identify and remove non-citizens from their voter registration lists
- It establishes criminal penalties for election officials who knowingly and willfully register non-citizens to vote.
- The *SAVE Act* was passed by the House in April 2025, but it must now secure 60 votes to overcome a filibuster in the Senate.

OPPOSE: *DIGNITY Act (H.R. 4393)*

- The *DIGNITY Act* is a “compromise” bill that incorporates amnesty measures with border security policies.
- It provides a pathway to citizenship for “Dreamers” and DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program) recipients. These illegal immigrants would be given immediate conditional permanent resident status for 10 years and then permanent resident status by simply working a job, joining the military, or going to college. \
- The *DIGNITY Act* would establish the “Dignity Program” to allow illegal immigrants who have been in the U.S. for more than 5 years to pay their way to legal residency. They can pay \$7,000 over 7 years and then be protected from deportation indefinitely.
- The *DIGNITY Act*, like H.R. 2, includes border security funding and mandatory E-Verify measures. However, the amnesty provisions undermine border security and incentivize illegal immigration. There is no “dignity” in allowing people from other countries to break our immigration laws and then be given a loophole to avoid any criminal consequences.