

NNIRR Legislation Tracking: 115th Congress (2017-2018)

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proposed legislation by party

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red = signed into law

House Republicans		Senate Republicans	House Democrats		Senate Democrats
H.R. 22	H.R. 2724	S. 36	H.R. 489	H.R. 3020	S. 229
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H.R. 83	H.R. 2825	S. 45	H.R. 739	H.R. 3227	S. 303
H.R. 120	H.R. 2826	S. 51	H.R. 748	H.R. 3352	S. 349
H.R. 140	H.R. 3003	S. 52	H.R. 837	H.R. 3440	S. 415
H.R. 170	H.R. 3004	S. 87	H.R. 858	H.R. 3474	S. 1034
H.R. 174	H.R. 3087	S. 128	H.R. 920	H.R. 3591	S. 1199
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H.R. 391	H.R. 3355	S. 745	H.R. 1477	H.R. 4253	S. 1979
H.R. 392	H.R. 3548	S. 775	H.R. 1497	H.R. 4271	S. 2144
H.R. 400	H.R. 3711	S. 1040	H.R. 2043	H.R. 4384	S. 2145
H.R. 486	H.R. 3775	S. 1126	H.R. 2073	H.R. 4398	S. 2245
H.R. 495	H.R. 3934	S. 1305	H.R. 2281	H.R. 4624	S. 2275
H.R. 496	H.R. 4092	S. 1578	H.R. 2572	H.R. 4777	S. 2293
H.R. 505	H.R. 4184	S. 1615	H.R. 2635	H.R. 4796	S. 2338
H.R. 641	H.R. 4282	S. 1720	H.R. 2642	H.R. 4906	S. 2367
H.R. 643	H.R. 4295	S. 1757	H.R. 2690	H.R. 4933	S. 2468
H.R. 844	H.R. 4310	S. 1852	H.R. 2759	H.R. 4940	S. 2580
H.R. 1125	H.R. 4340	S. 1877	H.R. 2760	H.R. 4944	S. 2693
H.R. 1149	H.R. 4427	S. 1937	H.R. 2761	H.R. 4956	S. 2937
H.R. 1468	H.R. 4488	S. 2082	H.R. 2788	H.R. 5058	S. 3007
H.R. 1813	H.R. 4750	S. 2192	H.R. 2944	H.R. 5072	S. 3036
H.R. 2087	H.R. 4760	S. 2199		H.R. 5173	
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proposed legislation by issue

(Some bills are broad and encompass many issues. They are listed here in multiple categories.)

Visa Reform

S. 180 (R): H1-B and L-1 Visa Reform Act of 2017
S. 232 (D): A bill to terminate the EB-5 Visa Program and to reallocate the employment creation visas to the other employment-based visa classifications.
S. 354 (R): Reforming American Immigration for Strong Employment Act or the RAISE Act
S. 775 (R): Religious Worker Visa Improvement Act
S. 1040 (R): State Sponsored Visa Pilot Program Act of 2017
S. 1578 / H.R. 3297 (R): A bill to streamline the application process for H-2A employers and for other purposes
H.R. 170 (R): Protect and Grow American Jobs Act
H.R. 241 (R): Timely Repatriation Act
H.R. 281 (R): Family Farm Relief Act of 2017
H.R. 392 (R): Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act of 2017
H.R. 641 (R): Better Agricultural Resources Now Act or the BARN Act
H.R. 1036 (D): American Families United Act
H.R. 1125 (R): Visa Investigation and Social Media Activity Act or the VISA Act of 2017
H.R. 1149 (R): Nuclear Family Priority Act
H.R. 2087 (R): Defending the Agricultural Industry's Requirements Year-round Act of 2017 or the DAIRY Act of 2017
H.R. 2431 (R): Michael Davis, Jr. and Danny Oliver in Honor of State and Local Law Enforcement Act or the Davis-Oliver Act
H.R. 2459 (R): Transnational Criminal Organization Exploitation Threat Assessment Act
H.R. 2626 (R): Strong Visa Integrity Secures America Act
H.R. 2635 (D): Filipino Veterans Family Reunification Act of 2017
H.R. 2717 (R): Stopping Trained in America Ph.D.s From Leaving the Economy Act of 2017 or the STAPLE Act
H.R. 2724 (R): Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Act of 2017

H.R. 3265 (R): To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit certain E-2 nonimmigrant investors to adjust status to lawful permanent resident status
H.R. 3647 (D): Save America Comprehensive Immigration Act of 2017
H.R. 3775 (R): Immigration and National Interest Act of 2017
S. 1704 (D): Veterans Visa and Protection Act of 2017
S. 1720 (R): RAISE Act
S. 1877 (R): Startup Act
H.R. 4092 (R): AG Act
S. 2082 (R): A bill to terminate the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program
H.R. 4340 (R): American LAWS Act
H.R. 4427 (R): Protecting America and American Workers Act
H.R. 4488 (R): Preserving Opportunities for Childhood Arrivals Act
S. 2344 (R): Immigration innovation
S. 2380 (R): Criminal Alien Gang Member Removal Act
S. 2972 (R): Prioritizing Help to Business Act
H.R. 4624 (D): Notario Victim Relief Act
H.R. 4750 (R): TPS Act
H.R. 4760 (R): Securing America's Future Act of 2018
H.R. 4777(D): Visa Transparency Anti-Trafficking Act of 2018
H.R. 4873 (R): DACA Compromise Act of 2018
H.R. 4944 (D): Reuniting Families Act
H.R. 4956 (D): Keeping Salvadoran Families Together Act
H.R. 4974 (R): To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act
H.R. 4996 (R): Protecting Our Communities from Gang Violence Act of 2018
H.R. 5026 (R): To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act
H.R. 5058 (D): To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act
H.R. 5065 (R): To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act
H.R. 5496 (R): To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act
H.R. 5173 (D): AMIGOS Act
H.R. 5515 (R): House Amendment 653
H.R. 5593 (D): Protect Patriot Spouses Act
H.R. 5750 (R): E-bonding for Immigration Integrity Act of 2018

Relief + Legalization

S. 1034 / H.R. 2690 (D): Agricultural Worker Program Act of 2017
H.R. 60 (R): Encourage New Legalized Immigrants to Start Training Act or ENLIST Act
H.R. 140 (R): Birthright Citizenship Act of 2017
H.R. 2604 (R): TPS Reform Act of 2017
H.R. 2759 (D): Naturalization at Training Sites Act of 2017 or the NATS Act
H.R. 2760 (D): Immigrant Veterans Eligibility Tracking System (I-VETS) Act
H.R. 2826 (R): Refugee Program Integrity Restoration Act of 2017

H.R. 3265 (R): To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit certain E-2 nonimmigrant investors to adjust status to lawful permanent resident status
H.R. 3352 (D): To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that an applicant for citizenship who served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States is not automatically barred from becoming a citizen of the United States for having committed certain crimes, and for other purposes
H.R. 3647 (D): Save America Comprehensive Immigration Act of 2017
H.R. 4184 (R): ESPERER (Extending Status Protection for Eligible Refugees) Act of 2017
H.R. 4253 (D): American Promise Act of 2017
H.R. 4340 (R): American LAWS Act
H.R. 4384 (D): ASPIRE TPS Act of 2016
S. 2144 (D): SECURE Act
H.R. 4873 (R): DACA Compromise Act of 2018
H.R. 4750 (R): TPS Act
S. 2199 (R): Border Security and Deferred Action Recipient Relief Act
S. 2367 (D): USA Act of 2018
H.R. 4933 (D): Fair TPS Act
H.R. 5223 (D): Adoptee Citizenship Act of 2018
H.R. 6055 (D): Keep Our Cities Safe Act of 2018

Childhood Arrivals + DREAMers

S. 229 (D): Protect DREAMer Confidentiality Act of 2017
S. 128 /H.R. 496 (R): Bar Removal of Individuals who Dream and Grow our Economy Act or the BRIDGE Act
S. 1615 (R/D): A bill to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain individuals who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children and for other purposes
H.R. 858 (D): DREAMers, Immigrants, and Refugees (DIRE) Legal Aid Act
H.R. 1468 (R): Recognizing America's Children Act
S.1852 (R): SUCCEED Act
H.R. 3440 (D): Dream Act of 2017
H.R. 3591 (D): American Hope Act of 2017
H.R.3695 (D): Protect DREAMer Confidentiality Act of 2017
H.R. 4282 (R): Protecting UACs Through Enhanced Sponsor Vetting Act of 2017
H.R. 4488 (R): Preserving Opportunities for Childhood Arrivals Act
H.R. 4760 (R): Securing America's Future Act of 2018
H.R. 4796 (R/D): Uniting and Securing America (USA) Act of 2018
H.R. 4873 (R): DACA Compromise Act of 2018
H.R. 5233 (D): Adoptee Citizenship Act of 2018
H.R. 5950 (D): HELP Separated Children Act
S. 2199 (R): Border Security and Deferred Action Recipient Relief Act
S. 2367 (D): USA Act of 2018
S. 2464 (R): Three-Year Border and DACA Extension Act
S. 2468 (D): Fair Day In Court For Kids Act of 2018
S. 2937 (D): HELP Separated Children Act

S. 3036 (D): Keep Families Together Act

Country Specific

H.R. 120 (R): Unaccompanied Alien Children Assistance Control Act

H.R. 1813 (R): Border Wall Funding Act of 2017

H.R. 2161 (R): Venezuelan Refugee Assistance Act

H.R. 2635 (D): Filipino Veterans Family Reunification Act of 2017

H.R. 2642 (D): Indonesian Family Refugee Protection Act

H.R. 3087 (R): Tibetan Refugee Assistance Act of 2017

H.R. 3324 (R): To include New Zealand in the list of foreign states whose nationals are eligible for admission into the United States as E-1 and E-2 nonimmigrants if United States nationals are treated similarly by the Government of New Zealand

S. 2245 (D): KIWI Act

H.R. 5173 (D): AMIGOS Act

H.R. 5072 (D): Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act of 2018

Border Security

S. 146 / H.R. 505 (R): **Border Security Technology Accountability Act of 2017**

S. 1199 / H.R. 2281 (D): Border Enforcement Security Task Force Reauthorization Act of 2017

H.R. 22 (R): Support More Assets, Resources, and Technology on the Border Act or the SMART Act of 2017

H.R. 454 / H.R. 278 (R): Finish the Fence Act of 2017

H.R. 1813 (R): Border Wall Funding Act of 2017

H.R. 2186 (R): EL CHAPO Act

H.R. 2459 (R): Transnational Criminal Organization Exploitation Threat Assessment Act

H.R. 2810 (R): National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018

H.R. 3219 (R): Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018

H.R. 3355 (R): Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2018

H.R. 3474 (D): Border Security and Accountability Act of 2017

H.R. 3548 (R): Border Security for America Act of 2017

H.R. 3647 (D): Save America Comprehensive Immigration Act of 2017

H.R. 3711 (R): Legal Workforce Act

S. 1757 (R): Building America's Trust Act

H.R. 3943 (D): Protecting the Property Rights of Border Landowners Act

H.R. 4295 (R): CLEAR Act of 2017

H.R. 4760 (R): Securing America's Future Act of 2018

H.R. 4796 (R/D): Uniting and Securing America (USA) Act of 2018

S. 2192 (R): SECURE Act of 2017

S. 2199 (R): Border Security and Deferred Action Recipient Relief Act

H.R. 4940 (D): Border and Port Security Act

S. 2338 (D): Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Technical Amendments Act of 2018

[S. 2367 \(D\)](#): USA Act of 2018
[H.R. 4915 \(R\)](#): SLAP Act of 2018
[S. 2464 \(R\)](#): Three-Year Border and DACA Extension Act
[H.R. 5991\(D\)](#): DATA Act

Detention, Sentencing, + Deportation

[S. 36 \(R\)](#): Keep Our Communities Safe Act of 2017
[S. 37 / H.R. 174 / H.R. 300 \(R\)](#): Sarah's Law
[S. 45 / **H.R. 3004 \(R\)**: Stop Illegal Reentry Act or Kate's Law](#)
[S. 51 \(R\)](#): Taking Action Against Drunk Drivers Act
[S. 52 \(R\)](#): A bill to make aliens associated with a criminal gang inadmissible, deportable, and ineligible for various forms of relief
[S. 349 / H.R. 1006 \(D\)](#): To clarify the rights of all persons who are held or detained at a port of entry or at any detention facility overseen by U.S. Customs and Border Protection or U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
[S. 2693 \(D\)](#): Immigration Court Improvement Act of 2018
[S. 2937 \(D\)](#): HELP Separated Children Act
[S. 3036 \(D\)](#): Keep Families Together Act
[H.R. 391 \(R\)](#): Asylum Reform and Border Protection Act of 2017
[H.R. 486 \(R\)](#): Grant's Law
[H.R. 495 \(R\)](#): Protection of Children Act of 2017
[H.R. 643 \(R\)](#): Visa Overstay Enforcement Act of 2017
[H.R. 844 \(R\)](#): Terrorist Deportation Act of 2017
[H.R. 858 \(D\)](#): DREAMers, Immigrants, and Refugees (DIRE) Legal Aid Act
[H.Res.927 \(D\)](#): Condemning the Trump administration's zero tolerance policy
[H.R. 2043 \(D\)](#): Fair Day in Court Act
[H.R. 2431 \(R\)](#): Michael Davis, Jr. and Danny Oliver in Honor of State and Local Law Enforcement Act or the Davis-Oliver Act
[H.R. 2572 \(D\)](#): Protect Family Values at the Border Act
[H.R. 3003 \(R\)](#): No Sanctuary for Criminals Act
[H.R. 3227 \(D\)](#): Justice is Not for Sale Act of 2017
[H.R. 3355 \(R\)](#): Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2018
[H.R. 3647 \(D\)](#): Save America Comprehensive Immigration Act of 2017
[H.R. 3923 \(D\)](#): Dignity for Detained Immigrants Act of 2017
[H.R. 4184 \(R\)](#): ESPERER (Extending Status Protection for Eligible Refugees) Act of 2017
[H.R. 4253 \(D\)](#): American Promise Act of 2017
[H.R. 4760 \(R\)](#): Securing America's Future Act of 2018
[H.R. 5510 \(D\)](#): Reentry and Reunification Act
[H.R. 5648 \(R\)](#): INA Jurisdiction Act of 2018
[H.R. 5653 \(R\)](#): Criminal Alien Removal Certification Act of 2018
[H.R. 5950 \(D\)](#): HELP Separated Children Act
[H.R. 5954 \(R\)](#): Anti-terrorism Clarification Act of 2018

Immigrant + Refugee Rights - expanding and curtailing

LEGAL RIGHTS

S. 349 / H.R. 1006 (D): To clarify the rights of all persons who are held or detained at a port of entry or at any detention facility overseen by U.S. Customs and Border Protection or U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
H.R. 489 (D): No Religious Registry Act of 2017
H.R. 2406 (R): ICE Authorization Act of 2017
H.R. 2431 (R): Michael Davis, Jr. and Danny Oliver in Honor of State and Local Law Enforcement Act or the Davis-Oliver Act
S.1725 (D): I-VETS Act
H.R. 3923 (D): Dignity for Detained Immigrants Act of 2017
H.R. 3934 (R): No Social Security for Illegal Immigrants Act of 2017
S. 2580 (D): Every Person Counts
H.R. 5292 (D): 2020 Census Accountability Act

ACCESS TO SERVICES and ASSISTANCE

H.R. 858 (D): DREAMers, Immigrants, and Refugees (DIRe) Legal Aid Act
H.R. 2043 (D): Fair Day in Court Act
H.R. 2581 (R): Verify First Act
H.R. 2761 (D): Healthcare Opportunities for Patriots in Exile (HOPE) Act
H.R. 2788 (D): HEAL for Immigrant Women and Families Act of 2017
H.R. 2944 (D): To Offer Refugees College Help (TORCH) Act
H.R. 3113 (D): To require the chief election officials of the States to provide voter registration forms at certain naturalization proceedings, and for other purposes
H.R. 3591 (D): American Hope Act of 2017
H.R. 4184 (R): ESPERER (Extending Status Protection for Eligible Refugees) Act of 2017
H.R. 4253 (D): American Promise Act of 2017
H.R. 4310 (R): ASSURE Act
S. 2367 (D): USA Act of 2018
H.R. 5229 (R): Tuition Fairness For Citizens Act
S. 2468 (D): Fair Day In Court For Kids Act of 2018

ASYLUM SEEKERS and REFUGEES

H.R. 391 (R): Asylum Reform and Border Protection Act of 2017
H.R. 2826 (R): Refugee Program Integrity Restoration Act of 2017
H.R. 3775 (R): Immigration and National Interest Act of 2017
S. 1720 (R): RAISE Act
S. 2145 (D): A bill to prohibit the United States Government from barring refugees from entering the United States based on their country of origin.
H.R. 4850(R): Asylum Protection Act of 2018
S. 2275 (D): Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act of 2018

Immigration Enforcement Agencies

S. 595 / H.R. 2213 (R): Boots on the Border Act and **Anti-Border Corruption Reauthorization Act of 2017**

S. 1305 (R): CBP HiRe Act

S. 1560 (D): A bill to ensure the integrity of border and immigration enforcement efforts by requiring U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to administer law enforcement polygraph examinations to all applicants for law enforcement positions and to require post-hire polygraph examinations for law enforcement personnel as part of periodic reinvestigations.

H.R. 1497 (D): ICE Body Camera Act of 2017

H.R. 2073 (D): To amend Section 287 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to prohibit immigration officers or agents of the Department of Homeland Security from wearing clothing or other items bearing the word 'police'

H.R. 2406 (R): ICE Authorization Act of 2017

H.R. 2407 (R): USCIS Authorization Act of 2017

H.R. 2826 (R): DHS Authorization Act of 2017

H.R. 3020 (D): Border Enforcement Accountability, Oversight, and Community Engagement Act of 2017

H.R. 3355 (R): Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2018

H.R. 3647 (D): Save America Comprehensive Immigration Act of 2017

H.R. 3548 (R): Border Security for America Act of 2017

H.R. 4295 (R): CLEAR Act of 2017

H.R. 4398 (D): Safe Emergency Response Act

H.R. 4760 (R): Securing America's Future Act of 2018

H.R. 4915 (R): SLAP Act of 2018

H.R. 4928 (R): To Amend Title 28

Sanctuary Policies

S. 87 / H.R. 400 (R): Stop Dangerous Sanctuary Cities Act

S. 303 / H.R. 1236 (D): PROTECT Immigration Act of 2017

S. 415 (D): To nullify the effect of Executive Order 13768

S. 745 (R): A bill to reauthorize the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, and for other purposes

S. 1126 (R): Securing Our Border and Protecting Communities Act

H.R. 83 (R): Mobilizing Against Sanctuary Cities Act

H.R. 748 (D): Safeguarding Sanctuary Cities Act of 2017

H.R. 1446 (D): No State Resources for Immigration Enforcement (NSRIE) Act

H.R. 3003 (R): No Sanctuary for Criminals Act

H.R. 4805 (R): No Federal Funding to Benefit Sanctuary Cities Act

H.R. 5617 (R): No Enforcement, No Grant for Sanctuary Cities Act of 2018

H.R. 5663 (R): Make Sanctuary Cities pay for the Wall Act of 2018

Responding to Executive Orders

S. 415 (D): To nullify the effect of Executive Order 13768

H.R. 489 (D): No Religious Registry Act of 2017

H.R. 739 (D): This Land Is Our Land Act

H.R. 837 (D): Build Bridges Not Walls Act

H.R. 920 (D): Protecting Our Border Communities Act of 2017

H.R. 1477 (D): No Taxpayer Funding for the Wall Act

H.R. 3548 (R): Border Security for America Act of 2017

S. 1979 (D): A bill to block the implementation of certain presidential actions that restrict individuals from certain countries from entering the United States.

H.R. 4271 (D): To block the implementation of certain presidential actions that restrict individuals from certain countries from entering the United States.

H.R. 22 Support More Assets, Resources, and Technology on the Border Act or the SMART Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Representative Ted Poe (R-TX-2)

"The Department of Defense (DOD) shall: (1) deploy up to an additional 10,000 members of the National Guard along the U.S.-Mexico border as requested by border states, and (2) provide funds to the governor of a state who submits a state border control activities plan that is approved by DOD and that specifies how personnel of the National Guard of such state are to be used in border control activities. National Guard personnel may be ordered to carry out border control activities. The bill authorizes: (1) DHS to deploy smart border technologies if necessary to achieve and maintain such operational control; and (2) DOD to transfer specified eligible equipment returned from DOD operations to federal, state, and local agencies, with preference to agencies that will use such equipment primarily to strengthen border security. The bill requires DHS: (1) if such a joint resolution of disapproval on operational control passes, to appoint an additional 1,500 Border Patrol agents; (2) make grants to sheriffs' departments along the border in Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, and California to hire additional deputies; and (3) establish the biometric entry and exit data system required under the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004."

H.R. 60 Encourage New Legalized Immigrants to Start Training Act or ENLIST Act

Sponsored by: Representative Jeff Denham (R-CA-10)

"This bill authorizes the enlistment in the Armed Forces of aliens unlawfully present in the United States on December 31, 2012, who: (1) have been continuously present in the United States since such date; (2) were younger than 15 years of age when they initially entered the United States; and (3) are otherwise eligible for original enlistment in a regular component of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard... The Department of Homeland Security shall adjust the status of an alien enlisted under such authority to the status of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence under provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act applicable to aliens who entered the United States prior to January 1, 1972."

H.R. 83 Mobilizing Against Sanctuary Cities Act

Sponsored by: Representative Lou Barletta (R-PA-11)

"This bill prohibits a state or local government from receiving federal financial assistance for a minimum of one year if it restricts or prohibits a government entity or official from: (1) sending to or receiving from the responsible federal immigration

agency information regarding an individual's citizenship or immigration status, or (2) maintaining or exchanging information about an individual's status."

- An [article](#) about H.R. 83 from *HuffPost*

H.R. 120 Unaccompanied Alien Children Assistance Control Act

Sponsored by: Representative Michael C. Burgess (R-TX-26)

This bill directs the President to reduce foreign assistance allocations for Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, or El Salvador by an amount equal to the number of unaccompanied alien children who are nationals or citizens of any of those countries placed in federal custody in the preceding fiscal year because of their immigration status multiplied by \$15,000.

H.R. 140 Birthright Citizenship Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Representative Steve King (R-IA-4)

"This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to consider a person born in the United States "subject to the jurisdiction" of the United States for citizenship at birth purposes if the person is born in the United States of parents, one of whom is: (1) a U.S. citizen or national, (2) a lawful permanent resident alien whose residence is in the United States, or (3) an alien performing active service in the U.S. Armed Forces."

H.R. 170 Protect and Grow American Jobs Act

Sponsored by: Representative Darrell Issa (R-CA-49)

This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to revise the definition of "exempt H-1B nonimmigrant" to eliminate the masters or higher degree requirement and raise the annual salary threshold requirement from \$60,000 to \$100,000. The intention is to discourage US companies from hiring people in the H1-B program because they will be required to pay them a higher salary.

H.R. 174 Sarah's Law

+ **H.R. 300**
+ **S. 37**

Sponsored by: Representative Steve King (R-IA-4)
Representative David Young (R-IA-3)
Senator Joni Ernst (R-IA)

"This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to require the detention of an alien: (1) who was not inspected and admitted into the United States, who held a revoked nonimmigrant visa (or other nonimmigrant admission document), or who is deportable for failing to maintain nonimmigrant status; and (2) who has been charged in the United States with a crime that resulted in the death or serious bodily injury of another person."

H.R. 241 Timely Repatriation Act

Sponsored by: Representative Ted Poe (R-TX-2)

"This bill directs the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to publish a report every six months listing: (1) countries that have refused or unreasonably delayed repatriation of an alien who is a national of that country (the report must include the total number of such aliens) and countries that have an excessive repatriation failure rate, and (2) each country that was included in both the report preceding the current report and the current report (DHS may exclude a country if the total number of nonrepatriations outstanding is less than 10 for the preceding three-year period). The Department of State, with respect to a listed country: (1) may not issue visas to attendants, servants, and personal employees of such country's

officials and employees who receive nonimmigrant status; and (2) shall reduce the number of visas available for such country's diplomats and officials/employees by 10% for each six months that a country is listed."

H.R. 281 Family Farm Relief Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Representative Elise M. Stefanik (R-NY-21)

This bill directs the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish a process for receiving H-2A nonimmigrant visas (temporary agricultural workers) which shall ensure that that petitioners may file such petitions over the Internet or in paper form. (Administration of the H-2A program is transferred from the Department of Labor to USDA.) The bill: (1) includes year-round livestock workers, including dairy workers, in the H-2A category with a maximum three-year period of admissions, which may be renewed three months after the end of each such period; and (2) revises H-2A certification provisions.

- [Farmworker Justice's factsheet](#) on why they oppose H.R. 281

H.R. 3004 + S. 45 Establishing Mandatory Minimums for Illegal Reentry Act of 2017 or Kate's Law

Sponsored by: Representative Bob Goodlatte (R-VA-6)
Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX)

H.R. 3004 passed the House on June 29 (vote: 257-167)

"This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase penalties applicable to aliens who unlawfully reenter the United States after being removed." Kate's Law has been introduced in previous years.

- "[The Trouble with Kate's Law](#)," September 2015 article from the *Atlantic*
- "[Kate's Law' and the License to Hate](#)," April 2016 article from *HuffPost*
- Read an [article published by the American Immigration Council](#) after the passage of H.R. 3003 and H.R. 3004

H.R. 391 Asylum Reform and Border Protection Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Representative Jason Chaffetz (R-UT-3)

This bill raises the standard to establish credible fear of persecution claims in asylum interviews, limits humanitarian and public interest parole authority, and prohibits DHS from using parole authority for an alien who is ineligible for refugee status. It also revises the definition of an "unaccompanied child." This bill was originally introduced to the 114th Congress.

- [Tahirih Justice Center's statement](#) on why they oppose H.R. 391
- [Human Rights First's press release](#) on why they oppose H.R. 391

H.R. 392 Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Representative Jason Chaffetz (R-UT-3)

This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to: (1) eliminate the per country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants, and (2) increase the per country numerical limitation for family based immigrants from 7% to 15% of the total number of family-sponsored visas. The Chinese Student Protection Act of 1992 is amended to eliminate the provision requiring the reduction of annual Chinese immigrant visas to offset status adjustments under such Act.

H.R. 400 + S. 87 Stop Dangerous Sanctuary Cities Act

Sponsored by: Representative Diane Black (R-TN-6)
Senator Pat Toomey (R-PA)

“This bill prohibits a sanctuary jurisdiction from receiving grants under certain Economic Development Assistance Programs and the Community Development Block Grant Program. A sanctuary jurisdiction is a state or political subdivision that has a statute, policy, or practice in effect that prohibits or restricts: (1) information sharing about an individual's immigration status, or (2) compliance with a lawfully issued detainer request or notification of release request. A state or political subdivision that complies with a detainer is deemed to be an agent of the Department of Homeland Security and is authorized to take actions to comply with the detainer. The bill limits the liability of a state or political subdivision, or an officer or employee of such state or political subdivision, for actions in compliance with the detainer.”

- [“Why I changed my mind on ‘sanctuary’ cities,”](#) March 2017 article from *Politico*
- [“Why Sanctuary Cities Are Safer,”](#) January 2017 article from NPR: Codeswitch

H.R. 454 Finish the Fence Act of 2017

+ **H.R. 278** Sponsored by: Representative Dennis A. Ross (R-FL-15)

“This bill amends the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 with respect to construction of border fencing and road improvements to direct the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to complete the required 700-mile southwest border fencing by December 31, 2017. The Secure Fence Act of 2006 is amended to direct DHS, in consultation with state and local officials along the U.S.-Mexico border, to achieve operational control over U.S. international land and maritime borders by December 31, 2017.”

H.R. 486 Grant’s Law

Sponsored by: Representative Andy Biggs (R-AZ-5)

“This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to require mandatory detention of any alien who is unlawfully present in the United States and arrested for inadmissible or deportable crimes. The bill transfers release authority from the Department of Justice to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). DHS may release the alien to an appropriate authority for proceedings related to the arrest, but DHS must resume custody for any period that the alien is not in custody of the appropriate authority. If the alien is not convicted of crimes for which the alien was arrested, DHS must continue to detain the alien until removal proceedings are completed.”

- A February 2017 [article](#) from the *Phoenix New Times* discusses H.R. 486 and an identical law proposed in the Arizona state legislature

H.R. 489 No Religious Registry Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Representative Suzan K. DelBene (D-WA-1)

“This bill prohibits U.S. government officers or employees from collecting information or utilizing a registry or database to classify or surveil on the basis of religious affiliation: (1) U.S. nationals, (2) aliens lawfully present in the United States, or (3) aliens who apply for a visa or seek admission to the United States or on whose behalf a petition under the immigration laws is submitted. The bill also prohibits studies related to the collection of such information or the establishment or utilization of such a registry or database.”

- An [action call](#) to support H.R. 489 from the Friends Committee on National Legislation

H.R. 495 Protection of Children Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Representative John R. Carter (R-TX-31)

“To amend the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 to provide for the expedited removal of unaccompanied alien children who are not victims of a severe form of trafficking in persons and who do not have a fear of returning to their country of nationality or last habitual residence, and for other purposes.”

H.R. 496 Bar Removal of Individuals who Dream and Grow our Economy Act or the BRIDGE Act

+ S. 128 Sponsored by: Representative Mike Coffman (R-CO-6)
Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC)

“This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS): (1) shall grant a three-year provisional protected presence to a qualifying alien, (2) may not remove the alien from the United States unless such protected presence is rescinded, and (3) shall provide such alien with employment authorization.”

- [First Focus Campaign for Children's press release](#) on H.R. 496

H.R. 505 Border Security Technology Accountability Act of 2017

+ S. 146 Sponsored by: Representative Martha McSally (R-AZ-2)
Senator John McCain (R-AZ)

H.R. 505 passed the House on January 31, 2017 (voice vote)

“This bill amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to: (1) ensure that each border security technology acquisition program that is determined to be a major acquisition program has an acquisition program baseline approved by the relevant acquisition decision authority; (2) document that each such program is meeting the cost, schedule, and performance thresholds specified in such baseline in compliance with relevant departmental acquisition policies and the Federal Acquisition Regulation; and (3) have a plan for each such program to meet program implementation objectives by managing contractor performance.”

H.R. 641 Better Agricultural Resources Now Act or the BARN Act

Sponsored by: Representative Rick W. Allen (R-GA-12)

“This bill revises the H-2A nonimmigrant agricultural worker visa program, including with respect to: (1) agricultural labor and services, (2) application requirements, (3) wages, (4) period of authorized nonimmigrant status, (5) housing, (6) legal assistance, and (7) violations.”

- [Farmworker Justice's fact sheet](#) on why they oppose H.R. 641

H.R. 643 Visa Overstay Enforcement Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Representative Lou Barletta (R-PA-11)

“This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to subject any alien who remains in the United States after any visa or status under which the alien is lawfully present has expired to: (1) a fine or imprisonment for up to six months, or both, for a first offense; and (2) a fine or imprisonment for up to two years, or both, for any subsequent offense. Such penalties shall be waived if the overstay was due to medical necessity, public safety, or national security. An alien convicted of a first offense may not be admitted to the United States for 5 years or granted a visa for 10 years. An alien convicted of a subsequent offense may not be admitted to the United States at all or granted a visa.”

H.R. 739 This Land is Our Land Act

Sponsored by: Representative Adriano Espaillat (D-NY-13)

"The Secretary of Homeland Security may not construct any new border barriers, including walls or fences, on Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture within 100 miles of the international land borders of the United States that are not in existence as of the date of the enactment of this Act."

- In February 2017, a [coalition of organization's wrote a letter supporting](#) H.R. 739 and H.R. 837 and opposing the border wall

H.R. 748 Safeguarding Sanctuary Cities Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Representative Mike Quigley (D-IL-5)

"This bill prohibits reducing or withholding federal financial assistance that a state or local government would otherwise receive because such state or local government has in place any policy that limits or restricts compliance with a detainer."

H.R. 837 Build Bridges Not Walls Act

Sponsored by: Representative Michelle Lujan Grishman (D-NM-1)

"The Executive order entitled "Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements" signed by the President on January 25, 2017, or any other substantially similar Executive order, memorandum, or other action by the President to use taxpayer dollars or fees to construct a continuous wall or fence between the United States and Mexico, shall have no force or effect."

- In February 2017, a [coalition of organization's wrote a letter supporting](#) H.R. 739 and H.R. 837 and opposing the border wall

H.R. 844 Terrorist Deportation Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Representative Jeff Duncan (R-SC-3)

"This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) to make an alien, other than a lawful permanent resident, who is identified in the terrorist screening database inadmissible or deportable on terrorist grounds. An identified alien shall be ineligible for asylum, withholding or cancellation of removal, voluntary departure, adjustment of status, or acquisition of legal permanent residency through the registry provisions. DHS shall revise specified regulations implementing the United Nations Convention Against Torture and Other Forms of Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment to: (1) exclude identified aliens from the protection of such regulations, and (2) make such aliens ineligible for withholding or deferral of removal under INA."

H.R. 858 DREAMers, Immigrants, and Refugees (DIRe) Legal Aid Act

Sponsored by: Representative J. Luis Correa (D-CA-46)

"This bill directs the Department of Justice to make grants to nonprofit legal services providers with immigration law expertise to provide immigration-related legal services and advice to an alien who: (1) is present in the United States as a lawful permanent resident; (2) has received a grant of deferred action under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, has been admitted as a refugee (or the alien's spouse or parent has been so admitted), or has been determined to be qualified for such admission; and (3) has been ordered removed, is in removal proceedings, or is at risk of being denied U.S. entry or admission."

H.R. 920 Protecting Our Border Communities Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Representative Zoe Lofgren (D-CA-19)

"This bill states that: (1) beginning on January 25, 2017, Executive Order 13767, entitled "Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements," is null and void, shall have no force and effect, and may not be implemented or enforced; and (2) no federal funds may be used to implement or enforce any of the policy changes set forth in such order. Among the order's provisions concerning border security and immigration enforcement along the southern border of the United States are directives concerning physical barriers, detention facilities, additional Border Patrol agents, requirements for reporting on foreign aid to Mexico, and parole and asylum procedures."

H. Res.927 Condemning the Trump administration's zero tolerance policy

Sponsored by Representative Rosa DeLauro (D-CT-3)

H.R. 1006 + S. 349 To clarify the rights of all persons who are held or detained at a port of entry or at any detention facility overseen by U.S. Customs and Border Protection or U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Sponsored by: Representative Pramila Jayapal (D-WA-7)
Senator Kamala D. Harris (D-CA)

"To clarify the rights of all persons who are held or detained at a port of entry or at any detention facility overseen by U.S. Customs and Border Protection or U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement" including the right to counsel and that detention "(1) shall be limited to the briefest term and least restrictive conditions practicable and consistent with the rationale for such holding or detention; and (2) shall include access to food, water, and restroom facilities."

H.R. 1036 American Families United Act

Sponsored by: Representative Beto O'Rourke (D-TX-16)

"This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) to revise waiver of inadmissibility requirements, including by waiving inadmissibility for: (1) certain persons who entered the United States before age 16 who have earned a degree from a U.S. institution of higher education, (2) false claims of U.S. citizenship by persons under age 18 or lacking mental competence to knowingly misrepresent a claim, and (3) false claims of U.S. citizenship if inadmissibility would create family separation hardship for the alien (including a self-petitioner under the Violence Against Women Act) or for a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident family member. The bill: (1) authorizes parents of U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents to apply for a waiver of inadmissibility for unlawful presence, (2) places a three-year limit on immigration-related misrepresentations rendering aliens inadmissible, and (3) revises the definition "conviction" for INA purposes."

- [American Families United's statement celebrating](#) H.R. 1036

H.R. 1125 Visa Investigation and Social Media Activity Act or the VISA Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Representative Jim Banks (R-IN-3)

This bill seeks to implement advanced analytics software and other methods for "additional background checks and other screening requirements for the approval" of a petition or a visa application. These screening requirements would include background checks, review of social media activity, interviews, and translation requirement. It also states that DHS personnel will be assigned to consular posts.

H.R. 1149 Nuclear Family Priority Act

Sponsored by: Representative Jody B. Hice (R-GA-10)

This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate parents from the definition of “immediate relatives” with respect to those aliens not subject to worldwide immigration levels or numerical limitations. Existing family-sponsored immigration categories are replaced with a single preference allocation for spouses and children of permanent resident aliens. This bill: (1) reduces the number of, and revises the calculation for, fiscal year-family sponsored immigrant entrants; and (2) establishes a nonimmigrant visa category for an alien who is a parent of a U.S. citizen at least 21 years old.

H.R. 1236 + S. 303 Protecting the Rights Of Towns against federal Enforcement contrary to Constitutional Tenets for Immigration Act or the PROTECT Immigration Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Representative Mike Quigley (D-IL-5)
Senator Cory A. Booker (D-NJ)

To amend Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act to read as follows: “Except as provided in paragraphs (10) and (11) of section 103(a), in section 274(c), and in section 439 of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1252c), the authority to inquire about or verify immigration or citizenship status and to investigate, apprehend, arrest, or detain an individual for a violation of this Act or any regulation authorized by this Act is restricted to immigration officers and authorized employees of the Department of Homeland Security and subject to limits set forth in other provisions of law.”

H.R. 1446 No State Resources for Immigration Enforcement (NSRIE) Act

Sponsored by: Representative Nydia M. Velazquez (D-NY-7)

To amend Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act to read as follows: “The Secretary of Homeland Security may not enter into a written agreement with a State, or any political subdivision of a State, pursuant to which any officer or employee of the State or subdivision is authorized to carry out a function of an immigration officer in relation to the investigation, apprehension, or detention of aliens in the United States (including the transportation of such aliens across State lines to detention centers).”

H.R. 1468 Recognizing America’s Children Act

Sponsored by: Representative Carlos Curbelo (R-FL-26)

“To authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of aliens who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children.” Requirements for this categorization include that the “alien has been physically present in the United States for a continuous period since January 1, 2012; (B) the alien was younger than 16 years of age on the date the alien initially entered the United States,” and if 18 years of age or older “has earned a high school diploma” or alternative or equivalent award, “has been admitted to an institution of higher education in the United States” or “has a valid work authorization.”

- [“Legal Status for ‘Dreamers’ sought in House GOP bill,”](#) March 2017 article from *Bloomberg BNA* that notes such a bill would likely be accompanied by approval for increased border militarization

H.R. 1477 No Taxpayer Funding for the Wall Act

Sponsored by: Representative Gwen Moore (D-WI-4)

The bill states that “no Federal department or agency, including the Department of Homeland Security, may obligate or expend any Federal funds (including any funds previously appropriated for such purpose or any fee revenue generated by the Department of Homeland Security or any other Federal department or agency)” to build the wall, and “a State that has

received or receives any Federal funding in the form of a grant from the Department of Homeland Security or any other Federal department or agency may not use such funding to carry out section 102 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1103 note) or any other related provision of law, or to otherwise build a border fence, related physical barriers or infrastructure, or wall along the southern border of the United States, including to carry out any activities related to such construction.”

H.R. 1497 ICE Body Camera Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Representative Yvette D. Clarke (D-NY-9)

“Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) shall ensure that all deportation officers of Enforcement and Removal Operations of ICE wear body cameras when such officers are engaged in field operations or removal proceedings... A recording made by a body camera worn by a deportation officer during an enforcement action shall be provided, in the case of any administrative proceeding (including a removal proceeding), civil action, or criminal prosecution to which such recording pertains, to each party to the proceeding, action, or prosecution.”

- [“Dems back body cameras for ICE agents,”](#) March 2017 article from *The Hill*

H.R. 1813 Border Wall Funding Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Representative Mike D. Rogers (R-AL-3)

“To amend the Electronic Fund Transfer Act to impose a fee for remittance transfers to certain foreign countries” which will “be submitted to the Treasury to be expended for the purpose of improving border security.” The foreign countries that this applies to are: “shall apply to designated recipients located in Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, Cuba, the Cayman Islands, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, the Bahamas, Turks and Caicos, Jamaica, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Venezuela, Aruba, Curacao, the British Virgin Islands, Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Montserrat, Guadeloupe, Dominica, Martinique, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Barbados, Grenada, Guyana, Suriname, French Guiana, Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay, or Argentina.”

H.R. 2043 Fair Day in Court for Kids Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Representative Zoe Lofgren (D-CA-19)

The bill includes the requirement that “The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) shall provide an alien in removal proceedings with all relevant documents in its possession ... DHS shall ensure that aliens have access to counsel inside all immigration detention and border facilities ... DOJ shall appoint counsel, at government expense if necessary, for an unaccompanied alien child or a particularly vulnerable individual.”

- The [ACLU’s fact sheet](#) on Fair Day in Court for Kids Act, which Rep. Lofgren introduced in 2016 as well

H.R. 2073 To amend section 287 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to prohibit immigration officers or agents of the Department of Homeland Security from wearing clothing or other items bearing the word "police".

Sponsored by: Representative Nydia M. Velazquez (D-NY-7)

This bill provides that Section 287(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act is amended to read: “Immigration officers or agents of the Department of Homeland Security, including officers and agents of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and U.S. Customs and Border Protection, shall not wear any clothing, accessories, or other items on their person bearing the word ‘police’ while performing duties under the immigration laws.”

H.R. 2087 Defending the Agricultural Industry's Requirements Year-round Act of 2017 or the DAIRY Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Representative Sean P. Duffy (R-WI-7)

This House bill would significantly expand the H-2A temporary foreign agricultural worker program by including year-round dairy farm jobs. The bill would allow employers to obtain H-2A workers on 18-month temporary work visas which employers could renew endlessly, broadening the program to include year-round jobs.

- [Farmworker Justice's factsheet](#) on why they oppose the DAIRY Act

H.R. 2161 Venezuelan Refugee Assistance Act

Sponsored by: Representative Carlos Curbelo (R-FL-26)

"This bill provides for the status adjustment to permanent resident of a qualifying Venezuelan national who: (1) was physically present in the United States on January 1, 2013, (2) has been physically present in the United States for at least one year and is physically present in the United States on the date the status adjustment application is filed, (3) has not been convicted of specified crimes and was never involved in the persecution of others, and (4) applies for adjustment before January 1, 2021."

H.R. 2186 EL CHAPO Act

Sponsored by: Representative Mo Brooks (R-AL-5)

"Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any illegally obtained profits resulting from any criminal drug trafficking enterprise led by Joaquin Archivaldo Guzman Loera (commonly known as "El Chapo"), which are criminally forfeited to the United States Government as a result of the conviction of Mr. Guzman Loera in Federal district court, shall be reserved for security measures along the border between the United States and Mexico, including the completion of a wall along such border, for the purpose of stemming the flow of illegal narcotics into the United States and furthering the Nation's security."

H.R. 2213 Anti-Border Corruption Reauthorization Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Representative Martha McSally (R-AZ-2)

H.R. 2213 passed the House on June 7, 2017 (vote: 282-137)

This bill amends the Anti-Border Corruption Act of 2010 "to authorize certain polygraph waiver authority." It amends the act by striking subsection (b) to allow the Commissioner of CBP to waive the polygraph test normally required in the CBP hiring process if the applicant is "a current, full-time law enforcement officer," or "an individual who is a member of the Armed Forces or a veteran."

+ S. 595 Boots on the Border Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Senator Jeff Flake (R-AZ)

This bill is like H.R. 2213 but also applies to members of the National Guard and "transition members of the Armed Forces."

- [Blog post by immigration lawyer Oliver Nieblas Pradis](#) on the need for polygraph tests
- [Article from Immigration Impact](#) opposing H.R. 2213 and S. 595
- [Blog post by the Southern Border Communities Coalition](#) opposing H.R. 2213 and S. 595
- [LULAC's press release](#) opposing efforts to expedite the hiring of Trump's deportation force

H.R. 2406 U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Authorization Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Representative Bob Goodlatte (R-VA-6)

Among many things, this bill codifies ICE's authority to issue detainers and make arrests without a warrant; increases the number of ICE detention enforcement officers by 2,500, increases the number of deportation officers by 10,000, and increases the number of USCIS trial attorneys by 60; ensures that all agents are heavily armed; prohibits the existence of an Office of Public Advocacy within ICE; provides for ICE's access to all departmental databases; and initiates a pilot program for electronic processing of field operations.

- [American Immigration Lawyer's Association's statement](#) to the House Judiciary Committee condemning H.R. 2406, along with H.R. 2407 and H.R. 2431
- The [ACLU's statement](#) opposing H.R. 2406
- [Statement from the Friend's Committee on National Legislation](#) opposing H.R. 2406 and H.R. 2407

H.R. 2407 U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services Authorization Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Representative Bob Goodlatte (R-VA-6)

Among many things, this bill codifies the use of the e-verify system initially proposed in the Illegal Immigration and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 as well as the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements Program.

- [American Immigration Lawyer's Association's statement](#) to the House Judiciary Committee condemning H.R. 2407, along with H.R. 2406 and H.R. 2431
- [Statement from the Friend's Committee on National Legislation](#) opposing H.R. 2407 and H.R. 2406

H.R. 2431 Michael Davis, Jr. and Danny Oliver in Honor of State and Local Law Enforcement Act

Sponsored by: Representative Raul Labrador (R-ID-1)

This bill includes measures to increase criminalization, militarization, deportation, sentencing, and visa requirements. To read about the bill, see this [article from the National Immigration Forum](#).

- [American Immigration Lawyer's Association's statement](#) to the House Judiciary Committee condemning H.R. 2431, along with H.R. 2406 and H.R. 2407

H.R. 2459 Transnational Criminal Organization Exploitation Threat Assessment Act

Sponsored by: Representative Peter T. King (R-NY-2)

This bill states that the "Secretary of Homeland Security... shall conduct a threat assessment of the exploitation by transnational criminal organization of the unaccompanied alien children services program."

H.R. 2572 Protect Family Values at the Border Act

Sponsored by: Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA-40)

"The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) shall: (1) consider safety and family concerns in any action related to the repatriation or prosecution of individuals apprehended for immigration violations, and (2) provide related training for U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and cooperating entity personnel. DHS, with certain exceptions, shall certify every 180 days that it has deported or otherwise removed an apprehended individual from the United States through an entry or exit point on the southern border only during daylight hours."

- This bill seeks to address deportation practices. Read the [Washington Office on Latin America's analysis](#) of unsafe deportation practices that put people at risk

H.R. 2581 Verify First Act

Sponsored by: Representative Lou Barletta (R-PA-11)
H.R. 2581 passed the House on June 13, 2017 (vote: 238-184)

"This bill amends the Internal Revenue Code to prohibit advance payments of the premium assistance tax credit from being made to an individual unless the Department of the Treasury has received confirmation from the Department of Health and Human Services that the Social Security Administration or the Department of Homeland Security has verified the individual's status as a citizen or national of the United States or an alien lawfully present in the United States. The verification process must include the appropriate use of information related to citizenship or immigration status, such as Social Security numbers (but not individual taxpayer identification numbers). The bill is contingent on the enactment of the American Health Care Act of 2017 (AHCA)."

- [Latino Rebels article](#) on H.R. 2581 from June 15, 2017

H.R. 2604 TPS Reform Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Representative Mo Brooks (R-AL-5)

"This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to revise the criteria for designation of a foreign state as eligible to have its citizens be given temporary protected status (TPS) in the United States. Such revisions include the following: (1) such a foreign state shall be designated by an Act of Congress rather than by the Department of Justice; (2) such Act must find that an environmental disaster in such a foreign state is immediately life-threatening; (3) such Act may provide for early termination of a foreign state's designation; (4) such Act shall include an estimate of the number of a foreign state's nationals who are TPS eligible, their U.S. immigration status, and a time period for the effectiveness of the designation of not more than 18 months; and (5) an alien lacking lawful immigration status shall be ineligible for TPS."

H.R. 2626 Strong Visa Integrity Secures America Act

Sponsored by: Representative Will Hurd (R-TX-23)

"This bill amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Department of State to assign, in a risk-based manner, State Department employees to at least 30 visa-issuing diplomatic and consular posts based upon the following criteria:

- the number of nationals of a country in which such posts are located who were identified in U.S. terrorist databases,
- such a country's counterterrorism cooperation with the United States,
- the adequacy of border and immigration control of such country,
- terrorist organization activity in such country, and
- the number of negative security advisory opinions regarding nationals of such country."

H.R. 2635 Filipino Veterans Family Reunification Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Representative Colleen Hanabusa (D-HI-1)

"This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to exempt from worldwide or numerical limitations on immigrant visas the sons and daughters of Filipino World War II veterans who were naturalized under the Immigration Act of 1990 or other specified federal law."

H.R. 2642 Indonesian Family Refugee Protection Act

Sponsored by: Representative Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY-12)

"To allow certain Indonesian citizens to file a motion to reopen their asylum claims."

H.R. 2690 Agricultural Worker Program Act of 2017

+ S. 1034 Sponsored by: Representative Luis V. Gutierrez (D-IL-4)
Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)

"Under the *Agricultural Worker Program Act*, farmworkers who have worked in agriculture for at least 100 days in each of the past two years may earn lawful "blue card" status. Farmworkers who maintain blue card status for the next three or five years, depending on the total hours worked in agriculture, would be eligible to adjust to a green card or legal permanent residency."

- This [press release](#) from the office of Dianne Feinstein includes a list of immigrant and farmworker organizations that support the bill
- Read [Farmworker Justice's statement](#) supporting the Agricultural Worker Program Act of 2017 as well as their [fact sheet](#) on the bill

H.R. 2717 Stopping Trained in America Ph.D.s From Leaving the Economy Act of 2017 or the STAPLE Act

Sponsored by: Representative Erik Paulsen (R-MN-3)

"This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to exempt from: (1) direct numerical limitations aliens who have earned a Ph.D. degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) from a U.S. institution of higher education and who have an offer of employment from a U.S. employer in a field related to such degree; and (2) H1-B visa (specialty occupation) numerical limitations aliens who have a U.S. STEM Ph.D. and with respect to whom the petitioning employer requires such an education."

H.R. 2724 Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Representative Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA-48)

"To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to replace the diversity visa program with a new program under which an immigrant visa can be obtained by paying a fee of \$1,000,000, and for other purposes."

H.R. 2759 Naturalization at Training Sites Act of 2017 or the NATS Act

Sponsored by: Representative Juan Vargas (D-CA-51)

"This bill directs the Department of Defense, and the Department of Homeland Security with respect to the Coast Guard, to establish a naturalization office with trained personnel at each initial military training site of the Armed Forces. The military department concerned shall: (1) identify members of the Armed Forces who are not U.S. citizens and inform them of the availability of naturalization services at such offices; and (2) pending establishment of a naturalization office at all initial military training sites, assign new non-citizen members of the Armed Forces to an initial military training site that has such an office."

H.R. 2760 Immigrant Veterans Eligibility Tracking System (I-VETS) Act

Sponsored by: Representative Juan Vargas (D-CA-51)

"This bill directs the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to:

- identify aliens, when they apply for an immigration benefit or are placed in an immigration enforcement proceeding, who are serving, or have served, as a member of a regular or reserve component of the Armed Forces on active duty or as a member of a reserve component in an active status; and
- annotate all DHS immigration and naturalization records relating to an identified alien to reflect such identification and afford an opportunity to track the outcomes for such aliens."

H.R. 2761 Healthcare Opportunities for Patriots in Exile (HOPE) Act

Sponsored by: Representative Juan Vargas (D-CA-51)

"This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize the Department of Homeland Security to parole into the United States an alien veteran who: (1) is seeking temporary admission to receive health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and (2) resides permanently abroad after having been removed or voluntarily departed from the United States."

H.R. 2788 HEAL for Immigrant Women and Families Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Representative Michelle Lujan Grisham (D-CA-NM)

"To expand access to health care services, including sexual, reproductive, and maternal health services, for immigrant women, men, and families by removing legal barriers to health insurance coverage, and for other purposes."

H.R. 2810 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018

Sponsored by: Representative Mac Thornberry (R-TX-13)

H.R. 2810 passed the House on July 14, 2017 (vote: 344-81)

At \$696 billion, this spending bill for national defense programs exceeds Trump's budget request and breaks longstanding caps on national defense spending. Of note is an amendment that stripped from the bill a provision that would have prohibited Pentagon funds from being used to construct a border wall.

- To understand more how border wall funding can be attached to a bill for national defense funding, read this June 19, 2017 [article](#) from U.S. News

H.R. 2810 passed the Senate on September 18, 2017 (vote: 89-8)

H.R. 2810 signed by President on 12/12/2017

H.R. 2825 DHS Authorization Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Representative Michael McCaul (R-TX-10)

H.R. 2825 passed the House on July 20, 2017 (vote: 386-41)

This bill was the first reauthorization of the Department of Homeland Security since it was created in 2002.

H.R. 2826 Refugee Program Integrity Restoration Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Representative Raul R. Labrador (R-ID-1)

This bill includes provisions to remove the President's ability to adjust the number of annually admitted refugees; terminates refugee status if a person returns to their country absent changed conditions; gives priority to religious minorities whose claims are based on religious persecution; makes it more difficult to adjust refugee status to permanent resident; gives states the power to object to resettlement in their state; and provides for increased background checks of applicants, including social media.

- [American Immigration Lawyers Association's statement](#) opposing H.R. 2826
- [A letter from 127 non-governmental organizations](#) opposing H.R. 2826

H.R. 2944 To Offer Refugees College Help (TORCH Act)

Sponsored by: Representative Jared Huffman (D-CA)
"To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for in-State tuition rates for refugees and asylees."

H.R. 3003 No Sanctuary for Criminals Act

Sponsored by: Representative Bob Goodlatte (R-VA-6)
H.R. 3003 passed the House on June 29, 2017 (vote: 228-195)

"Notwithstanding any other provision of Federal, State, or local law, no Federal, State, or local government entity, and no individual, may prohibit, or in any way restrict, a Federal, State, or local government entity, official, or other personnel from undertaking any of the following law enforcement activities as they relate to information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, the inadmissibility or deportability, or the custody status, of any individual: (1) Making inquiries to any individual in order to obtain such information regarding such individual or any other individuals. (2) Notifying the Federal Government regarding the presence of individuals who are encountered by law enforcement officials or other personnel of a State or political subdivision of a State." The bill also states that any State or political subdivision of the State that does not comply will not be eligible for certain grant programs. It also clarifies the "authority of ICE detainers," provides for the indefinite detention of undocumented people during deportation proceedings, and states that people detained with a prior order of removal cannot receive bond.

- Read an [article published by the American Immigration Council](#) after the passage of H.R. 3003 and H.R. 3004

H.R. 3020 Border Enforcement Accountability, Oversight, and Community Engagement Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Representative Beto O'Rourke (D-TX-16)
"To increase transparency, accountability, and community engagement within U.S. Customs and Border Protection, provide independent oversight of border security activities, improve training for U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents and officers, and for other purposes."

H.R. 3087 Tibetan Refugee Assistance Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Representative James Sensenbrenner (R-WI)
"Notwithstanding the numerical limitations specified in sections 201 and 202 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1151 and 1152), there shall be made available to qualified displaced Tibetans described in subsection (b) of this section 3,000 immigrant visas in the 3-fiscal-year period beginning with fiscal year 2017"

H.R. 3113 To require the chief election officials of the States to provide voter registration forms at certain naturalization proceedings, and for other purposes

Sponsored by: Representative Brendan F. Boyle (D-PA-13)

H.R. 3219 Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2017

Sponsored by: Representative Kay Granger (R-TX-12)
Passed the House on July 27, 2017
While this bill is related to defense spending, the House Rules Committee attached a self-executing amendment that provides \$1.6 billion dollars for border wall funding.

- Read a [letter](#) from Representatives Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ) and Filemon Vela (D-TX) opposing the wall funding

H.R. 3227 Justice is Not for Sale Act

Sponsored by: Representative Raúl M. Grijalva (D-AZ-3)

This bill calls for the elimination of federal contracts with private prisons within three years, as well as the prohibition on private entities running prisons that house state and local prisoners after three years, and expand eligibility for and use of parole. This would apply to prisons contracted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement as well as the immigrants detained in these facilities. The bill also eliminates the existing immigration detention bed quota, and provides for increased use of alternatives to detention in immigration-related cases. The bill terminates the practice of family detention.

H.R. 3265 To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit certain E-2 nonimmigrant investors to adjust status to lawful permanent resident status

Sponsored by: Representative John H. Rutherford (R-FL-4)

H.R. 3324 To include New Zealand in the list of foreign states whose nationals are eligible for admission into the United States as E-1 and E-2 nonimmigrants if United States nationals are treated similarly by the Government of New Zealand

Sponsored by: Representative Darrell E. Issa (R-CA-49)

H.R. 3352 To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that an applicant for citizenship who served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States is not automatically barred from becoming a citizen of the United States for having committed certain crimes, and for other purposes

Sponsored by: Representative Mark Takano (D-CA-41)

H.R. 3355 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2018

Sponsored by: Representative John R. Carter (R-TX-31)

This bill appropriates \$44.3 billion dollars to DHS in FY2018 to fund a massive increase in military technology and surveillance at the border, hiring 500 more CBP agents, 1,000 more ICE agents, \$1.6 billion for border wall construction, and expanded detention capacity. The House Appropriations Committee adopted an amendment to the bill regarding H-2A visas that would expand the range of businesses that can apply for the H-2A visa program for temporary or seasonal agricultural workers, as well as nullify that stipulation that the work be short term.

- July 19, 2017 [article from Politico](#) about the H-2A amendment

H.R. 3440 Dream Act of 2017

Sponsored by Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA-40)

"This bill directs the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to cancel removal and grant lawful permanent resident status on a conditional basis to an alien who is inadmissible or deportable or is in temporary protected status who: (1) has been continuously physically present in the United States for four years preceding this bill's enactment; (2) was younger than 18 years of age on the initial date of U.S. entry; (3) is not inadmissible on criminal, security, terrorism, or other grounds; (4) has not participated in persecution; (5) has not been convicted of specified federal or state offenses; and (6) has fulfilled specified educational requirements."

- [Summary and FAQ sheet](#) from the National Immigration Law Center

H.R. 3474 Border Security and Accountability Act of 2017

Sponsored by Representative Raul M. Grijalva (D-AZ-3)

"To provide for the establishment of an accountable and humane border security strategy for the international land borders of the United States, address cultural, economic, ecological, environmental and humanitarian impacts of border security infrastructure, measures, and activities along the international land borders of the United States, and for other purposes."

H.R. 3548 Border Security for America Act of 2017

Sponsored by Representative Michael T. McCaul (R-TX-10)

"To make certain improvements to the security of the international borders of the United States, and for other purposes." This bill authorizes and provides \$10 million in funding for a border wall, \$5 billion to secure ports of entry, and adds 5,000 Border Patrol Agents and 5,000 CBP Officers.

- [FAQ sheet](#) from the office of Representative Michael T. McCaul
- [Bill Summary](#) by the National Immigration Forum

H.R. 3591 American Hope Act of 2017

Sponsored by Representative Luis Gutierrez (D-IL-4)

"This bill amends the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to allow a state to extend higher-education benefits to state residents regardless of whether they are lawfully present in the United States. In addition, the bill requires the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to cancel the removal, and adjust the status, of certain residents who entered the United States as children prior to 2017. An individual whose status has been so adjusted shall be considered to have obtained conditional permanent-resident status, valid for a period of eight years and subject to termination on the basis of specified deportable conduct." The American Hope Act 2017 provides the legislative solutions to permanently protect young undocumented immigrants regardless of educational level, military service or work history.

- [Bill Summary](#) by the National Immigration Forum
- [One page summary](#) from Representative Luis Gutierrez

H.R. 3647 Save America Comprehensive Immigration Act of 2017

Sponsored by Representative Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18)

"To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act comprehensively to reform immigration law, and for other purposes."

H.R. 3695 Protect DREAMer Confidentiality Act of 2017

Sponsored by Representative Beto O'Rourke (D-TX-16)

"To provide for the confidentiality of information submitted in requests for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program, and for other purposes." This bill would ensure that DACA information is not used for immigration enforcement.

H.R. 3711 Legal Workforce Act

Sponsored by Lamar Smith (R-Tx-21)

"To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make mandatory and permanent requirements relating to use of an electronic employment eligibility verification system, and for other purposes." This bill is to expand electronic worker

verification requirement. The bill requires all U.S. employers to verify work eligibility of all future employees through the E-Verify system.

H.R. 3775 Immigration in the National Interest Act of 2017

Sponsored by Representative Lamar Smith (R-TX-21)

"To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to establish a skills-based immigration points system, to focus family-sponsored immigration on spouses and minor children, to eliminate the Diversity Visa Program, to set a limit on the number of refugees admitted annually to the United States, and for other purposes."

H.R. 3923 Dignity for Detained Immigrants Act of 2017

Sponsored by Representative Adam Smith (D-WA-9)

"To provide standards for facilities at which aliens in the custody of the Department of Homeland Security are detained, and for other purposes."

H.R. 3934 No Social Security for Illegal Immigrants Act of 2017

Sponsored by Representative Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA-48)

"To amend title II of the Social Security Act to exclude from creditable wages and self-employment income wages earned for services by aliens illegally performed in the United States and self-employment income derived from a trade or business illegally conducted in the United States."

H.R. 3943 Protecting Property Rights of Border Landowners Act

Sponsored by Representative Beto O'Rourke (D-TX-16)

"To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Attorney General from using eminent domain to acquire land for the purpose of constructing a wall, or other physical barrier, along the international border between the United States and Mexico, and for other purposes."

H.R. 4092 AG Act

Sponsored by Representative Bob Goodlatte (R-VA-6)

"To create a nonimmigrant H-2C work visa program for agricultural workers, and for other purposes."

Read this [statement](#) of opposition put out by Farmworker Justice.

H.R. 4184 ESPERER (Extending Status Protection for Eligible Refugees) Act of 2017

Sponsored by Representative Carlos Curbelo (R-FL-26)

To adjust the immigration status of certain foreign nationals in temporary protected status who are in the United States, and for other purposes. This bill would grant legal permanent residency to qualified TPS migrants from Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, and Haiti.

H.R. 4253 American Promise Act of 2017

Sponsored by Representative Nydia M. Velazquez (D-NY-7)

"To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for certain protections for aliens granted temporary protected status or deferred enforced departure, and for other purposes." This legislation would protect individuals, who currently

receive Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED), from deportation and ensure those who have resided in the U.S. under these programs for a period of three years can remain in the country and pursue a path to naturalization.

H.R. 4271 To block the implementation of certain presidential actions that restrict individuals from certain countries from entering the United States.

Sponsored by Representative Judy Chu (D-CA-27)

“To block the implementation of certain presidential actions that restrict individuals from certain countries from entering the United States.”

H.R. 4282 Protecting UACs Through Enhanced Sponsor Vetting Act of 2017

Sponsored by Representative Peter King (R-NY-2)

“To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Director of the Office of Refugee Resettlements of the Department of Health and Human Services to establish additional procedures for making placement determinations for all unaccompanied alien children who are in Federal custody by reason of their immigration status, and for other purposes.”

H.R. 4295 Clear Law Enforcement for Criminal Alien Removal (Clear) Act of 2017

Sponsored by Representative Marsha Blackburn (R-TN-7)

“To provide for enhanced Federal, State, and local assistance in the enforcement of the immigration laws, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act, to authorize appropriations to carry out the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, and for other purposes.”

H.R. 4310 Allow State Sovereignty Upon Refugee Entry (ASSURE) Act

Sponsored by Representative Scott Perry (R-PA-4)

“To amend section 412(a)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act to require ratification of a plan with respect to a refugee by the legislature of a State before the refugee may be initially placed or resettled in the State, and for other purposes.” This bill would require the Office of Refugee Resettlement to submit a plan to every state where they intend to send a refugee. This plan must include information from projected costs to personal information like health records.

H.R. 4340 American LAWS Act

Sponsored by Representative Dave Brat (R-VA-7)

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the diversity immigrant program, to focus family-sponsored immigration on spouses and minor children, and make mandatory and permanent requirements relating to use of an electronic employment eligibility verification system. This bill would eliminate the visa lottery program, end chain migration, and mandate E-Verify.

H.R. 4384 ASPIRE-TPS Act of 2017

Sponsored by Representative Yvette D. Clark (D-NY-9)

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide protected status for certain aliens present in the United States, and for other purposes. This bill would allow TPS recipients to apply for permanent residency and would create a protected status for people who have been in the U.S. under the program for five years.

H.R. 4398 Safe Emergency Response Act

Sponsored by Representative Nanette Diaz Barragan (D-CA-44)

“To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to suspend immigration enforcement operations within an area for which the President has declared a major disaster or an emergency, and for other purposes.”

H.R. 4427 Protecting America and American Workers Act

Sponsored by Representative Martha McSally (R-AZ-2)

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the diversity immigrant program, and for other purposes including a reduction of diversity visas from 55,000 to 5,000.

H.R. 4488 Preserving Opportunities for Childhood Arrivals Act

Sponsored by Representative Stevan Pearce (R-NM-2)

“To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide conditional protected status for certain individuals who came to the United States as children, and for other purposes.”

H.R. 4624 Notario Victim Relief Act

Sponsored by Representative Marc A. Veasey (D-TX-33)

This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the time limit on the filing of a motion to reopen a removal proceeding if the basis of the motion is fraud, negligence, misrepresentation, or extortion by, or the attempted, promised, or actual practice of law without authorization on the part of, a representative.

H.R. 4750 TPS Act

Sponsored by Representative Mike Coffman (R-CO-6)

“To terminate the granting of temporary protected status to aliens, to provide for adjustment of status for former temporary protected status holders, and for other purposes.” The act would end all future Temporary Protected Status (TPS) enrollment while extending current TPS recipients for a period of three years, after which, qualified recipients can apply for a green card.

H.R. 4760 Securing America’s Future Act of 2018

Sponsored by Representative Bob Goodlatte (R-VA-6)

“To amend the immigration laws and the homeland security laws, and for other purposes.”

- Ends the Diversity Visa Program and green card programs for relatives, except spouses and minor children, or so called “chain migration” programs while increasing numbers of skilled workers
- Authorizes border wall construction with additional technology and increases Border Patrol and CPB officers
- Enhances interior enforcement and border security

[Here](#) is a one page summary from the House Judiciary and Homeland Security Committees.

H.R. 4777 Visa Transparency Anti-Trafficking Act of 2018

Sponsored by Representative Lois Frankel (D-FL-21)

“To amend section 214(c)(8) of the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the data reporting requirements relating to nonimmigrant employees, and for other purposes.”

- From the office of Representative Lois Frankel, Read more [here](#) :
 - “Create a standardized reporting system across all non-immigrant visas that authorize work, and require that the reported information be made public;
 - Mandate that critical information be included in the public report in order to help advocacy groups and the public identify signs that a foreign workforce is demographically distinct from its domestic counterpart – which may indicate an underlying problem, such as employment discrimination, or worse, human trafficking;
 - Give governments, advocates, and the public the data needed to develop targeted trafficking prevention outreach programs to educate workers domestically and abroad.”

+ S. 2293 Visa Transparency Anti-Trafficking Act of 2018

Sponsored by Representative Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)

H.R. 4796 Uniting and Securing America (USA) Act of 2018

Sponsored by Representative Will Hurd (R-TX-23) and Pete Aguilar (D-CA-31)

Bipartisan legislation to protect DACA recipients from deportations and implement new border security measures.

- [Press release](#) from the National Immigration Law Center Describing the act as a bipartisan fix, although with flaws.
- [Press release](#) from the office of Representative Pete Aguilar.
- [Bill summary](#) from the National Immigration Forum

H.R. 4805 No Federal Funding to Benefit Sanctuary Cities Act

Sponsored by Representative Luke Messer (R-IN-6)

“To ensure that State and local law enforcement may cooperate with Federal officials to protect our communities from violent criminals and suspected terrorists who are illegally present in the United States, to stop taxpayer dollars from flowing to jurisdictions that fail to comply with Federal law, and for other purposes.”

H.R. 4850 Asylum Protection Act of 2018

Sponsored by Representative Francis Rooney (R-FI-19)

“to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to alter the deadlines by which an application for asylum must be made, and for other purposes.”

- Shortens the existing deadline for asylum applications from one year to 30 days from when the applicant enters the United States.
- The bill also requires applicants to declare status when entering the United States at any port of entry.

H.R. 4873 DACA Compromise Act of 2018

Sponsored by Representative Darrell E. Issa (R-CA-49)

“To authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain individuals who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children, and for other purposes”

- Reallocating visas from existing family, employment, and diversity visa categories and making them available to DACA recipients

- A [one page summary](#) from the office of Representative Darrell E. Issa.

H.R. 4906 Ensuring Full Participation in the Census Act of 2018

Sponsored by Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC- At Large)
To amend title 13, United States Code, to prohibit the use of questions on citizenship, nationality, or immigration status in any decennial census, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4915 SLAP Act of 2018

Sponsored by Representative Todd Rokita (R-IN-4)
To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for certain obstructions of the enforcement of Federal immigration laws, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4928 To amend title 28, United States Code, to provide that the United States district court for the District of Columbia shall have exclusive jurisdiction over actions arising under the immigration laws, and for other purposes.

Sponsored by Representative Dave Brat (R-VA-7)
This bill amends the federal judicial code to grant exclusive jurisdiction to the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia over: (1) cases arising under the immigration laws, or (2) claims by foreign nationals challenging an order of removal or another action authorized under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

H.R. 4933 Fair TPS Act

Sponsored by Representative Bobby L Rush (D-IL-1)
To prohibit the use of Federal funds to implement the policy changes in the notices terminating temporary status for natives of Nicaragua, Haiti, and El Salvador, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4940 Border and Port Security Act

Sponsored by Representative Filemon Vela (D-TX-34)
To increase the number of U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers and support staff, to require reports that identify staffing, infrastructure, and equipment needed to enhance security at ports of entry, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4944 Reuniting Families Act

Sponsored by Representative Judy Chu (D-CA-27)
To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to promote family unity, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4956 Keeping Salvadoran Families Together Act

Sponsored by Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC-At Large)
To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for adjustment of status for aliens who are nationals of El Salvador and were granted or eligible for temporary protected status, and for other purposes.

- H.R. 4974 To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to render overstaying a visa a criminal offense, and for other purposes.**
Sponsored by Representative Lloyd Smucker (R-PA-16)
- H.R. 4996 Protecting Our Communities from Gang Violence Act of 2018**
Sponsored by Representative Lee Zeldin (R-NY-1)
To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that individuals who naturalized under title III of that Act, who are affiliated with a criminal gang, are subject to revocation of citizenship, and for other purposes.
- H.R. 5026 To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to waive certain requirements for naturalization for American Samoan United States nationals to become United States citizens, and for other purposes.**
Sponsored by Representative Aumua Aumua Coleman Radewagen (R-AS-At Large)
- H.R. 5065 To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that individuals who naturalized under title III of that Act, who are affiliated with a criminal gang, are subject to revocation of citizenship, and for other purposes**
Sponsored by Representative Lee M. Zeldin (R-NY-1)
- H.R. 5058 To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the annual numerical limitation on U visas, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to grant work authorization to aliens with a pending application for nonimmigrant status under subparagraph (U) or (T) of section 101(a)(15) of such Act, and for other purposes.**
Sponsored by Representative Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-20)
- H.R. 5072 Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act**
Sponsored by Representative Keith Ellison (D-MN-5)
"This bill directs the Department of Homeland Security to adjust to permanent resident status a qualifying Liberian national who: (1) has been continuously present in the United States between November 20, 2014, through the date of status adjustment application; or (2) is the spouse, child, or unmarried son or daughter of such an alien. Adjustment applications must be filed not later than one year after the date of enactment of this bill."
- H.R. 5173 Amigos Act**
Sponsored by Representative David N. Cicilline (D-RI-1)

"This bill makes Portuguese nationals eligible to enter the United States as nonimmigrant traders and investors as provided for under the Immigration and Nationality Act if Portugal provides reciprocal nonimmigrant treatment to U.S. nationals."

+ S. 3007 Amigos Act

Sponsored by Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)

H.R. 5207 Immigration Advisory Program (IAP) Authorization Act of 2018

Sponsored by Representative Martha McSally (R-AZ-2)

"To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the immigration advisory program, and for other purposes."

H.R. 5229 Tuition Fairness For Citizens Act

Sponsored by Representative Scott Perry (R-PA-4)

"To amend section 505 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to clarify the prohibition on postsecondary education benefits for certain aliens, to grant a private right of action to persons injured by a violation of such prohibition, and for other purposes."

H.R. 5233 Adoptee Citizenship Act

Sponsored by Representative Adam Smith (D-WA-9)

"To provide for automatic acquisition of United States citizenship for certain internationally adopted individuals, and for other purposes."

H.R. 5292 2020 Census Accountability Act

Sponsored by Representative Darren Soto (D-FI-9)

"To establish a task force to review new decennial census questions and their impact on response rates for minorities, the accuracy of the census, redistricting, costs and funding distribution, and for other purposes."

H.R. 5496 To amend Immigration and Nationality Act regarding the extension of a foreign state's designation for purposes of temporary protected status, and for other purposes.

Sponsored by Representative Scott Perry (R-PA-4)

"This bill would amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to restrict the extension of temporary protected status (TPS) designations, limiting extensions to only 6-month periods and terminating TPS where the Attorney General fails to act on the extension of an expiring designation."

H.R. 5510 Reentry and Reunification Act

Sponsored by Representative Al Green (D-TX-9)

This bill would authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide lawful permanent resident status to previously removed alien parents and spouses of citizens of the United States and for other purposes. This would be granted if: (A) the alien is the spouse, parent, or guardian of a citizen of the United States, (B) prior to the date of the enactment of this Act, the

alien departed the United States pursuant to an order of removal: or is subject to an order of removal, or is in removal proceedings, the alien has been a person of good moral character since the date the alien initially entered the United States

H.R. 5515 H. Amdt. 653

Sponsored by Representative Mike Gallagher (R-WI-8)

An amendment numbered 55 printed in House Report 115-702 to add the use of immigration programs and visas by the Chinese Communist Party to enter the United States for the purposes of political, academic, or social influence efforts to the strategy required in Section 1252.

H.R. 5593 Protect Patriot Spouses Act

Sponsored by Darren Soto (D-FL-9)

To render certain U.S. military spouses eligible for adjustment of immigration status.

H.R. 5617 No Enforcement, No Grants for Sanctuary Cities Act of 2018

Sponsored by Representative Daniel M. Donovan Jr. (R-NY-11)

"This bill would prohibit sanctuary jurisdictions from receiving Federal funds under the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, and for other purposes."

H.R. 5648 INA Jurisdiction Act of 2018

Sponsored by Representative Louie Gohmert (R-TX-1)

"This bill amends the federal judicial code to specify that the U.S. Supreme Court and immigration courts are the only courts that have jurisdiction over (and in which a claimant has standing to raise) issues regarding immigration, naturalization, refugee status, asylum, and any other related matter involving a claimed legal right to enter or remain in the United States, or any case or controversy of any provision of the immigration laws, or any order issued or rule made pursuant to immigrations laws."

H.R. 5653 Criminal Alien Certification Act of 2018

Sponsored by Representative Paul Gosar (R-AZ-4)

"This bill would amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that any alien who has been convicted of a felony or two misdemeanors, is deportable, and for other purposes."

H.R. 5663 Make Sanctuary Cities Pay for the Wall Act of 2018

Sponsored by Representative Robert Pittenger (R-NC-9)

"This bill directs the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to establish a DHS account for the planning, design, and construction of a U.S. - Mexico border barrier. Certain housing, community development, and public works appropriations for sanctuary cities, localities, or states shall be withheld and deposited into such account."

DHS: (1) may decline to transfer an alien in its custody to a sanctuary jurisdiction regardless of whether such jurisdiction has issued a writ or warrant, (2) shall not transfer an alien under a final order of removal (or a restatement of an order of

removal) to a sanctuary jurisdiction, and (3) shall determine and report to Congress each year which political subdivisions or states are sanctuary jurisdictions.

H.R. 5750 E-bonding for Immigration Integrity Act of 2018

Sponsored by Representative Steve King (R-IA-4)

"This bill requires an alien who is in one of the following nonimmigrant categories to post a bond prior to being issued a U.S. entry visa: (1) an alien who is from a country with a visa overstay rate greater than 1.5%; or (2) a B-visa tourist or business entrant, and F-visa foreign student, an H-visa temporary non agricultural worker, or a K-visa fiance/ fiancée. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) shall: (1) establish a \$2,500-\$10,000 bond amount, which shall be reviewed annually, for each visa category based upon overstay risk; and (2) identify nonimmigrant visa category overstay rates, including categories with overstay rates greater than 1.5%. The bill establishes the E-bond Enforcement Fund which shall be funded by forfeited bonds and used to ensure compliance with this bill and to administer enforcement programs. DHS shall report to Congress annually regarding: (1) visa overstay rates by nonimmigrant category, (2) categories with overstay rates greater than 1.5%, (3) bond amounts, and (4) fund information."

H.R. 5950 HELP Separated Children Act

Sponsored by Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA-40)

This bill outlines protections for children affected by immigration enforcement actions. It outlines apprehension procedures, access to child welfare agencies, courts, and consular officials.

+ **S. 2937**

HELP Separated Children Act

Sponsored by Representative Tina Smith (D-MN)

H.R. 5954 Anti-terrorism Clarification Act of 2018

Sponsored by Representative Bob Goodlatte (R-VA-6)

This bill clarifies and updates the existing Anti-Terrorism Act. Among other things, the *Anti-Terrorism Clarification Act of 2018* clarifies that the "act of war" defense does not apply to acts carried out by entities designated as foreign terrorist organization by the U.S. government or any person that has been determined by the court to not be a military force. Additionally, it states that no one benefiting from a U.S. program or maintaining a presence in the United States should be able to dodge responsibility in U.S. courts for involvement in terrorist attacks that harm Americans. The *Anti-Terrorism Clarification Act* clarifies that defendants who take advantage of benefits under certain U.S. laws shall be deemed to have consented to jurisdiction in U.S. courts for any *Antiterrorism Act* lawsuit.

+ **S. 2946**

Anti-terrorism Clarification Act of 2018

Sponsored by Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA)

H.R. 5991 DATA Act

Sponsored by Representative Joseph Crowley (D-NY-14)

"To require the collection of data by officers enforcing United States laws and regulations, including at border security stops within United States borders, and for other purposes."

H.R. 6055 Keep Our Cities Safe Act of 2018

Sponsored by representative Jimmy Gomez (D-CA-34)

"To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to indemnify government employees, and employees that have contracts with such governments, from certain judgements for acting within their capacity to comply with their official duties and responsibilities, and other purposes."

S. 36 Keep Our Communities Safe Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Senator James M. Inhofe (R-OK)

"The bill expands the authority of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to take a criminal alien into custody pending a determination of removability and provides that the alien, unless eligible for bond release, may be detained without limitation until subject to a final order of removal. The Attorney General's review of DHS custody determinations is limited to whether the alien may be detained, released with no bond, or released on bond of at least \$1,500. Review of DHS custody determinations for an alien in certain categories is limited to whether the alien was properly included in such category."

S. 51 Taking Action Against Drunk Drivers Act

Sponsored by: Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA)

"An alien convicted of three or more federal or state offenses for driving under the influence or driving while intoxicated, regardless of whether the offenses are classified as felonies or misdemeanors, is: (1) inadmissible, or (2) deportable if at least one of such offenses occurred after the enactment of this bill. The definition of "aggravated felony" is expanded for purposes of such Act to include a third conviction under federal or state law for driving under the influence or driving while intoxicated, regardless of whether the offense is classified as a felony or a misdemeanor, for which the term of imprisonment is at least one year."

S. 52 A bill to make aliens associated with a criminal gang inadmissible, deportable, and ineligible for various forms of relief

Sponsored by: Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA)

"An alien who is or was a member of a criminal gang, or who participated in gang activity knowing that such participation will promote the gang's illegal activity, shall be inadmissible and deportable. The Department of Homeland Security may designate a group or association as a criminal gang. Detention shall be mandatory for anyone found inadmissible or deportable for criminal street gang membership. Individuals found inadmissible or deportable for criminal gang membership shall be barred from: asylum; withholding of removal; temporary protected status; special immigrant juvenile status; deferred action; and parole, unless assisting the United States in a law enforcement matter and required by the government to be present with respect to such assistance. An alien found at a U.S. land border or port of entry who is determined to be inadmissible and a threat to public safety (certain criminals, terrorists, street gang members) shall be subject to expedited removal."

S. 180 H1-B and L-1 Visa Reform Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA)

"This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to revise employer and government requirements regarding visas for nonimmigrant aliens rated H-1B (specialty occupation) and L-1 (intracompany transfer to the United States from abroad). The bill establishes an H-1B visa allocation system, with first priority reserved for aliens who have earned an advanced degree in a field of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) from a U.S. institution of higher education. The bill requires completion of a U.S. degree (or an equivalent foreign degree) as a qualification for "specialty occupation" eligibility,

eliminating experience in a specialty as an equivalent to the completion of such a degree. The bill prescribes an H-1B labor condition application fee.”

S. 229 Protect DREAMer Confidentiality Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Senator Martin Heinrich (D-NM)

A bill to provide that “The Secretary [of Homeland Security] shall protect individual application information from disclosure to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement or U.S. Customs and border Protection for any purpose other than implementing the DACA program.”

S. 232 A bill to terminate the EB-5 Visa Program and to reallocate the employment creation visas to the other employment-based visa classifications.

Sponsored by: Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)

“A bill to terminate the EB-5 Visa Program and to reallocate the employment creation visas to the other employment-based visa classifications.”

S. 354 Reforming American Immigration for Strong Employment Act or the RAISE Act

Sponsored by: Senator Tom Cotton (R-AR)

“To amend the immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the Diversity Visa Program, to limit the President’s discretion in setting the number of refugees admitted annually to the United States, to reduce the number of family sponsored immigrants, to create a new nonimmigrant classification for the parents of adult United States citizens, and for other purposes.”

- [Asian American Advancing Justice factsheet](#) on why they oppose S. 354

On 8/02/17 Senator Tom Cotton introduced [S.1720](#) a revised version of the RAISE Act.

S. 415 A bill to nullify the effect of the recent Executive order that makes the vast majority of unauthorized individuals priorities for removal and aims to withhold critical Federal funding to sanctuary cities.

Sponsored by: Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV)

“The provisions of Executive Order 13768, entitled “Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States”, are rescinded and shall not have any legal effect.”

S. 745 A bill to reauthorize the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, and for other purposes.

Sponsored by: Senator Jeff Flake (R-AZ)

“A bill to reauthorize the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program... assistance for states incarcerating undocumented aliens charged with or convicted of certain crimes.”

- Read [background information](#) on SCAAP from the National Conference of State Legislatures

S. 775 Religious Worker Visa Improvement Act

Sponsored by: Senator Orrin G. Hatch (R-UT)

"This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to prohibit a consular officer from issuing a nonimmigrant R-visa (for a religious worker and accompanying or joining spouse or child), and the DHS from granting such status, to an alien until DHS has approved a petition filed on the alien's behalf. An eligible petitioner may file a blanket petition, in lieu of individual petitions, on behalf of aliens meeting specified requirements for blanket petition inclusion."

S. 1040 State Sponsored Visa Pilot Program Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI)

This bill would allow states to create and administer their own temporary work visas. Farmworker Justices opposes this bill because "The bill would allow individual states to create and run their own guestworker programs. Under our Constitution, immigration policy is a federal issue and for good reason. It does not make sense to allow states to enact 50 different laws regulating admission to the U.S. of foreign citizens. In addition, Sen. Johnson's bill lacks protections against the abuses that are endemic to guestworker programs."

- [Farmworker Justice factsheet](#) opposing S. 1040

S. 1126 Securing the Border and Protecting Our Communities Act

Sponsored by: Senator Luther Strange (R-AL)

"A bill to prohibit certain Federal funds from being available to sanctuary jurisdictions that refuse to cooperate with the Federal Government on immigration matters or retaliate against border security contractors."

S. 1199 Border Enforcement Security Task Force Reauthorization Act of 2017

+ **H.R. 2281** Sponsored by: Senator Claire McCaskill (D-MO)

Rep. Filemon Vela (D-TX-34)

H.R. 2281 passed the House on May 17, 2017 (voice vote)

"A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to reauthorize the Border Enforcement Security Task Force program within the Department of Homeland Security."

- A [definition](#) of BEST (Border Enforcement Security Task Force)

S. 1305 CBP HiRe Act

Sponsored by: Senator Jeff Flake (R-AZ)

"To provide U.S. Customs and Border Protection with adequate flexibility in its employment authorities." CBP would have the ability to pay recruitment, retention and relocation incentives, provide commuting allowances, and offer higher pay rates.

S. 1560 A bill to ensure the integrity of border and immigration enforcement efforts by requiring U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to administer law enforcement polygraph examinations to all applicants for law enforcement positions and to require post-hire polygraph examinations for law enforcement personnel as part of periodic reinvestigations.

Sponsored by: Senator Richard J. Durbin (D-IL)

S. 1578 A bill to streamline the application process for H-2A employers and for other purposes

+ **H.R. 3297** Sponsored by: Senator Rand Paul (R-KY)

S. 1615 A bill to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain individuals who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children and for other purposes

Sponsored by: Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) and Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL)

This bill, often referred to as the Dream Act of 2017, provides legal status and a pathway to citizenship for some undocumented immigrants who entered the U.S. before the age of seventeen and have lived continuously in the U.S. for four years. Those who meet educational eligibility requirements would receive conditional permanent residency for eight years, after which they would be able to apply for legal permanent residency if they have attained certain educational, work, or military service requirements. The Migration Policy Institute estimates that of the 3.3 million undocumented people who entered the U.S. before the age of seventeen and have lived in the U.S. for four years, 1.8 million would meet the requirements for conditional permanent residency. Of that group, an estimated 1.5 million would be able to adjust their status to that of legal permanent resident after eight years.

- Read this [article from crImmigration](#) about the “crime bars” in S. 1615 that could make many people ineligible for the program

S. 1704 Veterans Visa and Protection Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)

“To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a veterans visa program to permit veterans who have been removed from the United States to return as immigrants, and for other purposes.” The bill would require the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a veterans visa program to permit veterans who have been removed from the United States to return as immigrants.

- [Bill Summary](#) from National Immigration Forum

S. 1720 RAISE Act

Sponsored by: Senator Tom Cotton (R-AR)

“To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to establish a skills-based immigration points system, to focus family-sponsored immigration on spouses and minor children, to eliminate the Diversity Visa Program, to set a limit on the number of refugees admitted annually to the United States, and for other purposes.” This bill has the potential to reduce overall immigration by 41% in the first year and 50% by year 10.

- [Fact Sheet](#) from the office of Senator Tom Cotton
- An [article](#) by the Migration Policy Institute

S. 1725 I-VETS Act

Sponsored by: Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)

“This bill directs the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), upon an alien’s application for an immigration benefit or the placement of such alien in an immigration enforcement proceeding, to:

- determine if the alien is serving, or has served, as a member of a regular or reserve component of the Armed Forces on active duty or as a member of a reserve component in an active status; and

- annotate every DHS immigration and naturalization record relating to such an alien to reflect such membership and to afford an opportunity to track the outcomes for each alien.”

S. 1757 Building America’s Trust Act

Sponsored by: Senator John Cornyn (R-TX)

“To strengthen border security, increase resources for enforcement of immigration laws, and for other purposes” The bill authorizes approximately \$15 billion over 4 years for a long-term border security and interior enforcement strategy, strengthening existing legal authorities and increasing public safety

- [Bill summary](#) published by Senator John Cornyn

S. 1852 The Solution for Undocumented Children through Careers, Employment, Education and Defending our Nation (SUCCEED) Act

Sponsored by: Senator Thom Tillis (R-NC)

“To authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain aliens who are long -term United States residents and who entered the United States as children, and for other purposes.”

- Read this [SUCCEED Act FAQ sheet](#)
- A bill [summary](#)
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S. 1877 Startup Act

Sponsored by: Senator Jerry Moran (R-KS)

“To jump-start economic recovery through the formation and growth of new businesses, and for other purposes.” It would direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to under certain circumstances adjust status of not more than 50,000 immigrants who have earned a master’s degree or a doctorate degree in a STEM field to be conditionally admitted for permanent residence, and issue a conditional immigrant visa to up to 75,000 qualified immigrant entrepreneurs.

S. 1937 A bill to authorize appropriations for border infrastructure construction, to provide conditional resident status to certain aliens, and to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to include grounds of inadmissibility and deportability for alien members of criminal gangs and cartels, and for other purposes.

Sponsored by: Senator Jeff Flake (R-AZ)

“A bill to authorize appropriations for border infrastructure construction, to provide conditional resident status to certain aliens, and to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to include grounds of inadmissibility and deportability for alien members of criminal gangs and cartels, and for other purposes.”

S. 1979 A bill to block the implementation of certain presidential actions that restricts individuals from certain countries from entering the United States.

Sponsored by: Senator Christopher Murphy (D-CT)

S. 2082 A bill to terminate the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program

Sponsored by: John Kennedy (R-LA)

S. 2144 The Safe Environment from Countries Under Repression and Emergency Act (SECURE Act)

Sponsored by: Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)

"To provide a process for granting lawful permanent resident status to aliens from certain countries who meet specified eligibility requirements." This bill would make immigrants under Temporary Protected Status (TPS) eligible to apply for legal permanent residency after at least three consecutive years in the United States.

- Read Senator Chris Van Hollen's one pager [here](#)

S. 2145

A bill to prohibit the United States Government from barring refugees from entering the United States based on their country of origin.

Sponsored by: Senator Christopher Murphy (D-CT)

"To prohibit the United States Government from barring refugees from entering the United States based on their country of origin."

S. 2192 SECURE Act of 2017

Sponsored by: Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA)

"The bill provides for: (1) additional border control and immigration personnel, (2) reimbursement to state and local prosecutors for federally initiated immigration-related criminal cases, (3) expansion of biometric technology and data, and (4) immigration detention capacity increases."

S. 2199 Border Security and Deferred Action Recipient Relief Act

Sponsored by: Senator Jeff Flake (R-AZ)

"This bill establishes the Border Security Trust Fund, which shall make funds available for: (1) specified border fencing and wall procurement, construction, and improvements in Texas and California; and (2) border wall planning activities.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) may cancel removal of, and grant lawful permanent resident status on a conditional basis for up to 10 years to, qualifying resident aliens who: (1) have been continuously physically present in the United States since January 1, 2012; (2) were under 16 years old on the initial date of U.S. entry or, if 18 years or older when filing under this bill, have met certain educational, employment, or military requirements; (3) are not inadmissible or deportable on criminal, security, terrorism, or other grounds; (4) have not participated in persecution of any person on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion; and (5) have not been convicted of specified federal or state offenses. Such an alien may subsequently adjust to permanent resident status and become eligible for naturalization.

DHS may designate as a criminal gang or cartel a group, club, organization, or association comprised of five or more individuals that has as a primary purpose the commission of one or more specified criminal offenses and whose members engage in, or, during the five years immediately preceding the most recent commission of such an offense, have engaged in, a continuing series of such offenses.

The bill makes persons associated with gangs or cartels inadmissible or deportable.

DHS shall complete the construction of roads along the southern border to facilitate U.S. Customs and Border Protection access.”

S. 2245 KIWI Act

Sponsored by: Senator Mazie Hirono (D-HI)

This bill makes New Zealand nationals eligible to enter the United States as nonimmigrant traders and investors as provided for under the Immigration and Nationality Act if New Zealand provides reciprocal nonimmigrant treatment to U.S. nationals.

S. 2275 Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act of 2018

Sponsored by: Senator Jack Reed (D-RI)

“This bill directs the Department of Homeland Security to adjust to permanent resident status a qualifying Liberian national who: (1) has been continuously present in the United States between November 20, 2014, through the date of status adjustment application; or (2) is the spouse, child, or unmarried son or daughter of such an alien. Adjustment applications must be filed not later than one year after the date of enactment of this bill.”

S. 2338 Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Technical Amendments Act of 2018

Sponsored by: Senator Jon Tester (D-MT)

To amend [chapter 55](#) of title 5, United States Code, to reform the manner in which Border Patrol agents are compensated.

S. 2344 Immigration Innovation (I-squared) Act of 2018

Sponsored by: Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT)

“A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize additional visas for well educated aliens to live and work in the United States, and for other purposes.”

- Seeks to increase annual H-1B (employment based) visa limit
- Increase visa fees to fund STEM education and worker training
- Expand eligibility of spouses of H-1B holders

S. 2367 USA Act of 2018

Sponsored by: Senator Christopher A Coons (D-DE)

“This bill provides conditional permanent resident status for an alien meeting specified requirements, including having entered the United States when younger than 18 years old and residing in the United States since December 31, 2013.

An individual may apply to have such conditional basis removed after meeting specified eligibility requirements. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) shall cancel the removal of, and adjust to the status of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence on a conditional basis, an individual who was granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status, unless such individual has engaged in disqualifying conduct.

The bill repeals provisions that deny an unlawful alien eligibility for higher education benefits on the basis of residence within a state unless a U.S. citizen or national is eligible for such benefits without regard to whether such citizen or national is such a resident.

DHS shall: (1) deploy the most practical and effective technology available in order to achieve situational awareness and operational control along the U.S. border; (2) submit to Congress a comprehensive southern border strategy to achieve border control; and (3) begin eradicating the carrizo cane plant and salt cedar along the Rio Grande River and the Lower Colorado River.

DHS may construct new ports of entry along the northern and southern borders.

The bill establishes Operation Stonegarden in DHS to provide border security grants to law enforcement agencies in border or maritime border states that are involved in U.S. Customs and Border Protection operations DHS shall establish a two-year grant program to improve emergency communications in the southern border region for individuals who are at risk of violence and lack cellular and LTE network service.

The number of immigration judges is increased.

The President shall designate a senior official (Coordinator) to coordinate federal and international efforts to strengthen citizen security, the rule of law, and economic prosperity in Central America.”

S. 2380 Criminal Alien Gang Member Removal Act

Sponsored by: Senator Dean Heller (R-NV)

This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to make an alien: (1) inadmissible if a consular officer, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), or the Department of Justice (DOJ) knows or has reason to believe that such person is or has been a member of a criminal gang or has participated in criminal gang activities; and (2) deportable if such person is or has been a member of a criminal gang or has participated in criminal gang activities.

A "criminal gang" is defined as an ongoing group, club, organization, or association of five or more persons (group): (1) one of the primary purposes of which is the commission of one or more specified criminal offenses and the members of which engage, or have engaged within the past five years, in a continuing series of such offenses; or (2) that has been designated as a criminal gang by DHS.

DHS may: (1) designate a group as a criminal gang based upon its conduct, and (2) revoke a designation for national security interests or if the group no longer conducts such criminal activities. Such designation shall be effective until revoked or judicially set aside. Congress may block or revoke a designation.

A group may file a petition for revocation: (1) prior to designation, with DHS, and (2) after designation, with the U.S. Court of Appeals, DC Circuit.

The bill: (1) provides for mandatory detention of alien gang members; and (2) makes alien gang members ineligible for asylum, temporary protected status, special immigrant juvenile status, and parole (unless such an alien is assisting the United States in a law enforcement matter).

S. 2464 Three Year Border and DACA Extension Act

Sponsored by: Senator Jeff Flake (R-AZ)

“To improve border security and to provide conditional provision residence to certain long-term residents who entered the United States as children.”

S. 2468 Fair Day in Court for Kids Act

Sponsored by: Senator Mazie K. Hirono (D-HI)

“To provide access to counsel for unaccompanied alien children.”

S. 2580 Every Person Counts

Sponsored by: Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ)

The census will not include information or questions regarding “citizenship or immigration status.”

S. 2693 Immigration Court Improvement Act of 2018

Sponsored by Senator Mazie Hirono (D-HI)

“This act would attempt to make sure immigration judges are insulated from improper political interference or manipulation insulate immigration judges from improper political interference or manipulation.”

S. 2972 Prioritizing Help to Business act

Sponsored by Senator John Thune (R-SD)

“This bill would prioritize the allocation of H-2B visas for States with low unemployment rates. It allows exemptions from limitations on H-2B visas to a certain degree for states that had a seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 3.5 percent or lower in 3 of the 5 most recent monthly reports issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in the previous fiscal year.”

S. 3036 Keep Families Together Act

Sponsored by Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)

This bill strictly limits and dictates any conditions under which a child may be removed from a parent or guardian at or within 100 miles of a port of entry. An agency may not remove a child from a parent or legal guardian solely for the policy goal of deterring individuals from migrating to the United States or for the policy goal of promoting compliance with civil immigration laws.