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White House Framework On Immigration Reform & Border Security

BORDER SECURITY: Securing the Southern and Northern border of the United States takes a combination of physical infrastructure, technology, personnel, resources, authorities, and the ability to close legal loopholes that are exploited by smugglers, traffickers, cartels, criminals and terrorists.

- * The Department of Homeland Security must have the tools to deter illegal immigration; the ability to remove individuals who illegally enter the United States; and the vital authorities necessary to protect national security.
- * These measures below are the minimum tools necessary to mitigate the rapidly growing surge of illegal immigration.
- * \$25 billion trust fund for the border wall system, ports of entry/exit, and northern border improvements and enhancements.
- * Close crippling personnel deficiencies by appropriating additional funds to hire new DHS personnel, ICE attorneys, immigration judges, prosecutors and other law enforcement professionals.
- * Hiring and pay reforms to ensure the recruitment and retention of critically-needed personnel.
- * Deter illegal entry by ending dangerous statutorily-imposed catch-and-release and by closing legal loopholes that have eroded our ability to secure the immigration system and protect public safety.
- * Ensure the detention and removal of criminal aliens, gang members, violent offenders, and aggravated felons.
- * Ensure the prompt removal of illegal border-crossers regardless of country of origin.
- * Deter visa overstays with efficient removal.
- * Ensure synthetic drugs (fentanyl) are prevented from entering the country.
- * Institute immigration court reforms to improve efficiency and prevent fraud and abuse.

DACA LEGALIZATION: Provide legal status for DACA recipients and other DACA-eligible illegal immigrants, adjusting the time-frame to encompass a total population of approximately 1.8 million individuals.

- * 10-12 year path to citizenship, with requirements for work, education and good moral character.

- * Clear eligibility requirements to mitigate fraud.

- * Status is subject to revocation for criminal conduct or public safety and national security concerns, public charge, fraud, etc.

PROTECT THE NUCLEAR FAMILY: Protect the nuclear family by emphasizing close familial relationships.

- * Promote nuclear family migration by limiting family sponsorships to spouses and minor children only (for both Citizens and LPRs), ending extended-family chain migration.

- * Apply these changes prospectively, not retroactively, by processing the "backlog."

ELIMINATE LOTTERY AND REPURPOSE VISAS: The Visa Lottery selects individuals at random to come to the United States without consideration of skills, merit or public safety.

- * This program is riddled with fraud and abuse and does not serve the national interest.

- * Eliminate lottery and reallocate the visas to reduce the family-based "backlog" and high-skilled employment "backlog."