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Border Security Agenda



Texas Congressmen Michael Burgess and Henry Cuellar discuss border security at a press conference with Homeland Secretary Michael Chertoff on the Texas Border.

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"In these uncertain times, we can ill-afford to stand and watch as illegal immigrants continue to stream into this country. I swore an oath to protect and defend this country, and that means securing our borders."

— Congressman Michael Burgess
Member, Congressional Immigration Reform Caucus

BORDER SECURITY

THE CRITICAL FIRST STEP

An estimate of 11 million illegal immigrants are in the US...
2 to 3 million in Texas alone.

Our economy, our livelihood and our safety are at risk – Find out how the House of Representatives is working to STOP illegal immigration.

Results of Combined Border Security Legislation

- ✓ \$1.8 billion for Border Security and Control
- ✓ Funding for 2,000 new border patrol agents
- ✓ \$3.4 billion for Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- ✓ Funding for 250 criminal investigators and 100 Immigration Enforcement Agents
- ✓ \$41 million for security technology including surveillance and unmanned aerial vehicles
- ✓ \$1 billion for immigration detention custody operations
- ✓ Increasing penalties for alien smuggling
- ✓ \$135 million for transportation and removal of illegal immigrants
- ✓ \$5 million to train State and local officers to enforce immigration laws

First and foremost, we must secure our borders. It is critical that we control the swelling number of illegal immigrants coming into America from around the world. Illegal immigrants place more of a strain on our economy, health care and criminal justice systems.

Congressman Burgess supports strong border security legislation in the House Information Resources:

- ✓ **H.R.4437, the Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005** would secure the boarder by building a border fence, force employers to verify the legality of their workers and tighten security on the nation's frontier **PASSED**
- ✓ **H.R.418, the Real ID Act** implements much needed driver's license reforms, closes asylum loopholes, enhances border security, and strengthens deportation laws. **PASSED**
- ✓ **H.R. 1817, The Homeland Security Authorization Act** provides for funding to heighten border security and port enforcement with the recruiting and training of 2,000 new border agents, streamlines counter-terrorism and intelligence-gathering efforts, increases analytic expertise, and improves readiness through training exercises **PASSED**
- ✓ **H.R. 3622, Border Protection Corps Act** enables law abiding citizens to defend the country's borders as members of a lawful militia force under command of the governor. **SUPPORTED**
- ✓ **H.R. 19, Verification Pilot Program** double checks the information on employee's I-9 Immigration Forms. It allows the employers to check the Social Security Association and Department of Homeland Security databases of all newly hired employees, regardless of citizenship. **SUPPORTED**
- ✓ **Funding for Operation Community Shield**, a Department of Homeland Security anti-gang program that uses immigration laws to remove alleged gang members from the country. Operation Community Shield immediately resulted in over 1,000 arrests. **PUBLIC LAW 109-90**