

GANG OF 8 BIPARTISAN IMMIGRATION REFORM (S. 744)

- **Significant Milestone** - This bipartisan bill is a significant milestone in our nation's efforts to reform our broken immigration system. It's the product of months of negotiations and accomplishes something we are seeing less often in Washington...a true bipartisan compromise.
- **Game Changer** - The legislation will be a game changer for millions of immigrants, for DREAMERS, for those hoping to build a better life in America for themselves and their families.
- **Brings People Out of the Shadows** - It will bring 11 million people out of the shadows so we can know who is here to pursue the American dream, and who is here to do it harm. It will help the economy, increase our security, and fix a broken immigration system that has excluded too many for too long.
- **Fair, Common-Sense Reform** - The bill is a victory for all of us who have fought so long and hard for a fair, common sense fix to our broken immigration reform.
- **Tough but Fair** - The border triggers are tough but achievable, and the pathway is tough but fair. The proposal is structured to ensure that we both secure our borders and provide a pathway to legalization. It could take 13 years, but it will legalize those who are already here if they register for legal status, pass a background check, learn English, pay a fine, show their commitment to America by paying taxes and becoming part of the fabric of American life as they work their way toward citizenship over time.
- **Pathway Protections** - While the pathway may be longer than many would like, it provides undocumented immigrants who meet all eligibility requirements with Registered Provisional Immigrant status, or RPI status. It will be probationary but will allow them to work in the U.S., travel outside the U.S. for short periods, and contribute fully to American society.
- **Reduces the Backlog** - The bill also includes measures to clear the family and employment green card backlog quickly, ensuring that those who have been here waiting in line get processed more quickly and we can begin processing the new RPIs.
- **DREAM Relief** - This is the strongest DREAM Act proposal to be considered by the Senate in recent history. There is no age cap for DREAMers who came to the U.S. as children, and DREAMers will be eligible for citizenship after just 5 years in RPI status.
- **Good for Families, Business, and Workers** - The bill prioritizes family unity and allows the immediate reunification of green card holders with their spouse and minor child. Going forward, people waiting for green cards in the family system can come to the U.S. to work and be with their families while they wait. It establishes an improved process for admitting future workers to serve our nation's workforce needs, including significantly more employment-based green cards, STEM and high-tech visas, while simultaneously protecting all workers.
- **Real, Bipartisan Reform** - This is a strong, bipartisan compromise that is achievable. It reflects the will of the American people who, in poll after poll, have demanded comprehensive immigration reform. It delivers on the American promise and the American dream.