



The following proposals and legislative summaries regarding immigration reform and ID security have been compiled from many different sources. Credit has been given where the originator of the idea could be ascertained. Austin Townhall Conservatives (ATC) endorses these proposals and requests the support of our executive and legislative representatives. This document will be revised from time to time as additional legislation is introduced.

### PROPOSALS RELATING TO ID SECURITY & IMMIGRATION REFORM

1. Place a temporary moratorium (5-10 years) on immigration **from any country** until the U.S. can adequately identify and perform background checks on those wishing to enter our country legally and current applications for citizenship are cleared.
2. Reduce **legal immigration** levels of persons **from any country** to traditional levels of no more than **100,000 self-supporting immigrants** per year.
3. Reject any calls for additional amnesties for illegal aliens.
4. Fully fund the **Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (S. 2845 - 2004)** provisions which provide for increases in the number of border patrol agents, Immigration and Custom Enforcement (“ICE”) agents, and detention bed space for aliens.
5. Assign U.S. National Guard to assist border patrol agents in regaining control of our borders.
6. Empower our border patrol agents and other law enforcement officials to identify, arrest, and immediately deport those attempting to enter our country illegally.
7. Individuals who repeatedly attempt illegal entry to the U.S. should be barred from entering our country for a specific amount of time (5-10 years) and prohibit their eligibility for any “guest worker” program (if such is developed) for employment purposes in the U.S.
8. Impose **meaningful disincentives** (increase fines and penalties) on employers who fail to verify status of employees or knowingly hire illegal immigrants.
9. End all federal and state public assistance (i.e., welfare and health care) to illegal aliens or participants in any temporary worker program. The only exception being **true emergency health care** to illegal aliens or temporary worker program patients. If voluntary payment for the service(s) is not received from the patient, the charges must be: (1) billed and collected from the employer of the patient; (2) billed and collected from the home country of the patient; or (3) deducted from any U.S. aid provided to the home country of such patient.

10. Require all hospitals (receiving federal aid) to provide information to DHS about any unpaid **emergency health care services** provided to illegal alien or temporary worker program patients.
11. Prohibit affirmative action benefits for non-citizens (i.e., In-State Tuition for students who are not citizens).
12. Trim welfare programs for citizens to get Americans back to work.
13. **End “chain migration.”** When an alien is granted a permanent residency visa, is naturalized, or participates in any temporary worker program (s)he must be allowed to only bring a spouse and natural or adopted children under the age of 21 years into the U.S.
14. Simplify the system for denaturalizing citizens who obtain citizenship through fraud or deception or who are found to be engaged in illegal activities or associated with terrorist entities or governments.
15. Social security benefits should be available **only** to aliens **legally present** in the U.S. and who have paid into the social security system with legitimate verifiable social security identification. The U.S. **should not** participate in **any** Totalization Agreements with Mexico.
16. Repeal the Kennedy amendment to the 1996 immigration reform amendment which made “mere membership” in a terrorist organization insufficient grounds for barring an alien from entering the U.S.
17. Immediate repeal of the Motor Voter Law.

### LEGISLATION PERTAINING TO IMMIGRATION REFORM

#### FEDERAL LEGISLATION:

1. Enact the **REAL ID Act (H.R. 418 - 2005)** which (among other things) would establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver’s license and identification document security standards, prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, and ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence.
2. Enact citizenship reform legislation [such as the **Citizenship Reform Act of 2003 (H.R. 1567 - 2003)**] amending the Immigration and Nationality Act **or H.J. Res. 44 (2003)** which would amend the U.S. Constitution. Both bills deny U.S. citizenship to children born in the U.S. of parents who are not U.S. citizens or lawful permanent resident aliens at the time of the child’s birth.
3. Enact legislation [such as the **CLEAR Act of 2003 (H.R.2671 - 2003)**] which (among other things) authorizes state and local law enforcement personnel to investigate, apprehend, and remove aliens in the U.S.

4. Enact legislation [such as the **Responsible and Secure ID Act (H.R. 3235 - 2003)**] which would penalize States that issue driver's licenses to illegal aliens by immediately suspending a portion of the State's annual federal transportation funding. Funds withheld under this legislation would be made available to the DHS for border security and enforcement purposes.
5. Enact legislation [such as **The Identification Security Act of 2004 (H.R. 4440 - 2004)**] which would amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to render proof of possession by an alien of a consular identification card issued by a foreign mission prima facie evidence that the alien is deportable, to render inadmissible for 10 years any alien who is unlawfully present in the U. S. and presents such a card to satisfy a Federal identification-related requirement, and for other purposes.
6. Enact legislation [such as the **Federal Election Integrity Act (H.R. 4530 - 2004)**] which would amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require any individual who desires to register or re-register to vote in an election for Federal office to provide the appropriate State election official with proof that the individual is a citizen of the U.S. to prevent fraud in Federal elections, and for other purposes.

### **TEXAS LEGISLATION:**

1. Enact **HB 327 (Goolsby - 2005)** which prohibits the use of matricula consular cards as identification for applicants applying for a driver's license, certain public benefits, public services, or governmental employment.

### **PROPOSALS SPECIFIC TO ID SECURITY**

1. Reissue the three (3) current forms of identification used in the U.S. (i.e., driver's licenses, social security, and voter registration cards) with safeguards necessary to prevent fraudulent duplication. Some of the secure technology suggested include: physical description and vital statistics, digital photograph, machine readable biometric identifiers (i.e., fingerprint, retinal scan or facial recognition).
2. **Clearly define** what our three (3) main identification cards are used for and enact legislation that would **establish penalties for the request of a Social Security card number outside of its intended purpose.**
  - **Driver's License** used for general ID purposes **only** (i.e., traffic related stops, obtaining automobile insurance and registering vehicles, boarding certain modes of public transportation, purchasing alcohol and tobacco products, and cashing or writing checks). This form of ID (with appropriate secure technology) would confirm age, address, and also specify if the person is legally authorized to drive a motor vehicle (after passing any required driver's license test) or if such card is to be used for "identification purposes only."
  - **Social Security Cards** may be requested **only** for employment eligibility verification and related tax collection purposes, IRS filings, and establishment of banking and credit accounts. Issuance of Social Security cards would require an applicant prove that they are either: (a) a U.S. citizen by birth or by naturalization; or (b) authorized to legally work in the U.S. under a valid visa, green card, or participation in any future "guest worker" program. Such legal designation must be easily ascertainable. **NOTE: Request for social security numbers for any other purpose would be ILLEGAL.**

- **Voter Registration Cards** are to be obtained **only** after presenting **verifiable proof of U.S. citizenship** and must be presented prior to voting in any U.S. election.

### **NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS FOR ANY “GUEST WORKER” PROGRAM**

Unless and until the following occurs, no additional “guest worker” program should be established in the U.S.:

- *The enactment of legislation that would deny U.S. citizenship to children born in the U.S. of parents who are not citizens or lawful permanent resident aliens at the time of the child’s birth.*
- *The formation of a new bipartisan Immigration Reform Commission, to include congressional members serving on current immigration related committees, representatives of federal agencies with immigration responsibilities, high ranking representatives from law enforcement agencies of "at risk" States, immigration reform groups, citizen groups, and the U.S. military. The goals of said Commission should be the comprehensive overhaul and consolidation of all immigration issues and functions including those parceled out to many other agencies (i.e., the Department of State) under the direction of the Department of Homeland Security.*

Agencies responsible for the implementation, management, and monitoring of any “guest worker” program must be able to:

1. Perform extensive and reliable criminal background checks in both the U.S. and the home country of the “guest worker” prior to their entry into the U.S. to effectively bar the entry of criminals.
2. Provide tamper proof registration and identification documents that feature all standard identifiers as well as biometric identifiers to assist in monitoring such “guest worker” during their approved stay and assist in their location upon the expiration of their contracted work period.
3. Protect the U.S. population against infectious diseases by requiring that any “guest worker” participant undergo an appropriate health screening (and quarantine if necessary) to determine the presence of any infectious disease and/or serious illness. Program participants must receive immunizations currently recommended by the U.S. Center for Disease Control (subject to any age restrictions) and the cost of such immunizations and health screening should be paid by the employer of the “guest worker.” The health screening and immunizations must be received upon entering the U.S. and prior to entering the workforce.
4. Require any “guest worker” who qualifies for driving privileges in the U.S. be issued a tamper proof driver’s license containing biometric identifiers and citizenship status. Additionally, any “guest worker” authorized to drive a vehicle in the U.S. must present evidence of coverage under a prepaid non-refundable six (6) month automobile liability insurance policy. If such policy is cancelled (for any reason) the insuring agent must notify the agency overseeing the “guest worker” program and the Department of Motor Vehicles for the licensing State. The automobile insurance policy must be renewed under the same terms and conditions during the entire authorized and contracted work period of the “guest worker.”

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