

BORDER SECURITY FOR AMERICA ACT

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Authorizes Border Wall – Provides \$10 billion for the deployment and construction of tactical infrastructure and technology to achieve full operational control and situational awareness. This deployment includes wall, fencing, technology, air assets, and other barriers.

Secures Ports of Entry – Provides \$5 billion to improve, modernize, and enhance our ports of entry. It targets illegal immigration and drug trafficking at our ports while increasing lawful trade and travel.

Puts More Boots on the Ground – Adds 5,000 Border Patrol Agents and 5,000 CBP Officers and streamlines the way that veterans and existing law enforcement officers can be hired.

More Air and Marine Flight Hours – Increases the number of annual flight hours of CBP's Air and Marine Operations and prioritizes requests for support from the Chief of the Border Patrol to secure the southern border.

Forward Operating Bases – Directs DHS to upgrade existing forward operating bases to a minimum standard.

Use of the National Guard – Authorizes use of the National Guard along the southern border to help with aviation and intelligence support and provides \$35 million in reimbursement for states, like Texas, that have called out the National Guard to help secure the border.

Targets Visa Overstays – Identifies visa overstays through full deployment of the Biometric Entry-Exit System at all air, land, and sea ports of entry.

Border Patrol Access to Federal Lands – Prohibits federal agencies from impeding, prohibiting, or restricting CBP activities on federal land located within 100 miles of the southern border to execute search and rescue operations, and to prevent all unlawful entries into the United States.

Supports Local Law Enforcement – Doubles the Stonegarden grant program at \$110 million for state and local law enforcement to aggressively fight drug trafficking, smuggling, and other crimes on the southern border.