

# **A Proposal For Immigration Reform**

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Comprehensive Immigration  
Reform for  
America's Security and  
Prosperity  
(CIR ASAP) Act of 2009  
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# POLITICS OF IMMIGRATION

- IMPACTS ON US SOCIETY
- IMPACT ON IMMIGRANTS
- IMPACT ON SENDING STATES

# US ISSUES

1. NATIONAL SECURITY\*\*
2. SOCIAL SERVICES/ED\*\*
3. INFRASTRUCTURE
4. ECONOMIC\*
5. POPULATION GROWTH
6. CULTURAL CHANGE

# IMPACT ON IMMIGRANTS

- DISCRIMINATION\*\*
- SOCIAL INSECURITY\*\*
- INCOME\*
- FAMILIAL HARDSHIPS\*

# IMPACT ON SENDING STATE

- POLITICAL SAFETY VALVE
- ECONOMIC SAFETY NET
  - \*--REMITTANCES
    1. HOUSEHOLD INCOME
    2. BUSINESS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

# GUTIERREZ PROPOSAL

- A UNILATERAL APPROACH
  - FOCUSES ON US
  - IGNORES SENDING COUNTRIES

# MANAGE POPULATION GROWTH

- RESTRICT IMMIGRATION  
TO WORKERS 18+ (SEE  
TICKETS POLICY BELOW)



# MANAGE CULTURAL IMPACT

- REDUCE IMMIGRANT NUMBERS
- REDUCE STATE-SPONSORED SPANISH LANGUAGE EDUCATION

# NATIONAL SECURITY

- DOCUMENT THE UNDOCUMENTED WORKER
- UNDOCUMENTED WORKER BUYS TEMPORARY LEGALIZATION TICKET
- LEGALIZATION TICKET ENABLES OFFICIALS TO CONTROL ENTRY AND IDENTIFY IMMIGRANTS

# IMMIGRANT TICKETS

- ALLOCATED ON FORMULA COMBINING DOMESTIC, FOREIGN POLICY AND HUMANITARIAN NEEDS, SENDING STATE SOCIAL POLICIES
- COST \$1000-5000 (TO BE DETERMINED)
- PROVIDE ACCESS TO ALL WORKER'S RIGHTS, E.G., GEOGRAPHIC AND JOB MOBILITY, UNIONIZATION, PROTEST
- AUTHORIZE HOME VISITS AS OFTEN AS DESIRED WITH NO RE-ENTRY FEES

# IMMIGRANT TICKETS II

- AUTHORIZE ACCESS TO SERVICES AVAILABLE TO LRA
- DO NOT AUTHORIZE TEMPORARY LEGAL AND UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS FREE EDUCATION OR TO STATE-FINANCED NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.
- RIGHT TO BECOME LRA AFTER 5 YEARS

# BENEFITS TO ECONOMY

- SAVE COST OF WALL CONSTRUCTION
- ELECTRONIC ENFORCEMENT REDUCES COSTS OF AGENTS, ROUND-UPS, DEPORTATIONS
- EMPLOYERS' FINES INCREASE VIA ELECTRONIC ENFORCEMENT
- ENFORCEMENT COSTS ARE PAID BY PRICE OF TICKET AND FINES
- LOWER EDUCATION COSTS

# JOB COMPETITION

- IMMIGRANTS WILL COMPETE WITH RESIDENTS AND NATIVE BORN FOR LOWER END JOBS
- WAGES WILL RISE BECAUSE OF IMMIGRANT WORKERS' RIGHTS
- COMPETITION WILL LEAD TO INCREASED EFFICIENCY AND WAGES OF ALL WORKERS

# LABOR SUPPLY

- LABOR SUPPLY WILL RESPOND TO MARKET CONDITIONS
- INCREASED UNIONIZATION WILL PROTECT WORKERS

# SOCIAL SERVICE UTILIZATION

- REDUCED HEALTH CARE CONSUMPTION & COSTS
- REDUCED EDUCATION CONSUMPTION
- INCREASED UTILIZATION AMONG TEMPORARY LEGAL IMMIGRANTS BECAUSE OF EMPLOYER BENEFITS



# CRIMINALITY

- DECLINES AS IMMIGRANT POPULATION, ESPECIALLY YOUTH, DECREASES
- WEAKENS TRANSNATIONAL GANGS

# TAXING INEQUITIES ELIMINATED

- INCOME FROM TICKETS WILL COVER COSTS OF ADMINISTRATION
- TICKET INCOME WILL BE ALLOCATED BASED ON IMMIGRANT SETTLEMENT PATTERNS
- ACCESS TO SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

# FAMILIAL DISRUPTION/HARDSHIPS

- FAMILIAL RELOCATION PREVENTED FOR MINIMUM OF 5 YEARS
- TICKET HOLDERS MAY RETURN HOME AS FREQUENTLY AS THEY CHOOSE. NO NEW ENTRY COSTS
- FACILITATES MAINTAINING TRANSNATIONAL FAMILY TIES

# SENDING STATE RESPONSIBILITIES

- DEVELOP TRANSPARENT DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM
- MAKE ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS ACCOUNTABLE
- DEVELOP AND DELIVER SOCIAL SERVICES

# LIMITS ON TEMPORARY LEGAL STATUS

- TICKETS MAY BE RENEWED ANNUALLY FOR 5 YEARS. PRICE MAY INCREASE.
- IMMIGRANTS WHO COMMIT FELONIES OR HAVE REPEATED HISTORY OF MINOR CRIMES MAY NOT RENEW TICKETS
- AFTER 5 YEARS, IMMIGRANTS EITHER RETURN TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OR APPLY FOR LEGAL RESIDENT STATUS.

# CONSEQUENCES

- AN IMPROVED GUEST WORKER PROGRAM
- SEPARATES WORKERS FROM CHILDREN ON A TEMPORARY BASIS
- INCREASES LABOR MARKET COMPETITION
- IMPROVES WORKER WAGES AND EFFICIENCY.
- SATISFIES DEMANDS FOR LABOR
- PROTECTS TEMPORARY LEGAL IMMIGRANTS

# CONSEQUENCES

- REDUCES BUT DOES NOT ELIMINATE FAMILY DISRUPTION
- STRENGTHENS IMMIGRANT TIES TO SENDING COMMUNITIES
- GENERATES PRESSURES ON REGIMES OF SENDING STATES