

Secure America and Orderly Immigration Act **Border Security and Enforcement Provisions**

Establishing a mechanism to bring the current undocumented forward, eliminating illegal workforce, and providing a path for new workers to enter the United States in a legal and orderly manner will, in itself, allow for better enforcement. However, the bill establishes a number of mechanisms to allow for better enforcement of our laws and ensure the security of our nation.

Resources: over **\$20 billion** in fines and fees collected through the bill will go to the federal government's enforcement arms, including Homeland Security, Labor, and State

Border Security: Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to *develop and implement* a National Strategy on Border Security, enhance information sharing among federal, state, local and tribal authorities, to integrate security technologies (including UAVs) along the border, and to combat human smuggling.

International Border Security: Directs State to work with the governments of Mexico and Canada to better enforce both sides of the border, combat human smuggling and international gang activity, manage the flow of their nationals to the U.S., discourage unauthorized migration, and improve conditions back home to lessen the migration pressures.

Employment Verification System: Establishes a mandatory electronic employment verification system through the Social Security Administration. Workers will carry tamper-resistant, biometric, machine-readable visas that will be checked through the system upon commencement and termination of work. Eventually this system will be phased in for all U.S. workers.

Double Employer Sanctions: Employers who willingly violate the system will face stiff fines of up to \$20,000 per violation – double the employer sanctions under current law.

Department of Labor Back-End Enforcement: In order to ensure compliance with the new system, the legislation authorizes and provides funding for the DOL to conduct targeted audits.

Whistle-Blower Protections: Establishes whistle blower protections for aggrieved individuals to notify authorities of employers and immigrants in violation of the law.

Anti-Fraud Initiatives: The bill includes tough new provisions that target unscrupulous actors who would attempt to defraud the federal government by filing fraudulent applications.

SCAAP: The bill authorizes nearly \$1 billion annually to reimburse state and local governments for incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens through the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program.

Recruiter Registration: Establishes a process through the Department of Labor to certify and monitor labor recruiters who recruit foreign workers under the H-5A program.