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Congressman Flake: All Interested Parties Must Work Together to Pass Comprehensive Temporary Worker Bill

Some Compromise Will Be Necessary to Achieve Passage

Mesa, Arizona - Arizona Congressman Jeff Flake, who represents the state's Sixth District, today stressed that different groups involved in creating a temporary worker program must work together in order to create a comprehensive and fair bill.

Last month, Congressman Flake, along with Congressman Jim Kolbe and Senator John McCain, introduced H.R. 2899, the Border Security and Immigration Improvement Act. The bill seeks to enhance national security, meet U.S. labor demands, and greatly reduce the number of immigrant deaths at the country's southern border by creating a legal framework for workers to come into the U.S. and then return home.

"In order for the Border Security and Immigration Improvement Act to become law, it's going to take an awful lot of work and some concessions from all interested parties," said Flake.

"It's unlikely that anyone, either on the right or the left, will get everything they want. However, I believe that it is in the country's best interest that we work together to establish a comprehensive temporary worker program. We need a plan that strikes a fair balance between worker rights, national security concerns, and economic realities, and I think our bill comes pretty darn close."

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