

Amendment to the Chairman’s Mark

Offered by Representatives Jayapal, Yarmuth, Lee, Lujan Grisham, Moulton, Higgins, DelBene, Wasserman Schultz, Khanna, Carbajal, Jackson Lee, and Schakowsky

**Adopt Comprehensive Immigration Reform**

1. Increase the aggregate levels of revenue by the following amounts in billions of dollars to reflect adoption of the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act, as introduced by House Democrats in the 113th Congress.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Revenue	2.1	11.5	28.0	39.1	45.0	47.7	55.3	65.0	77.7	87.6

2. Increase budget authority and outlays for Function 920 by the following amounts in billions of dollars to reflect adoption of the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
BA	4.6	6.8	14.0	19.8	24.6	26.6	32.2	37.4	44.4	51.4
Outlays	4.6	6.8	14.0	19.8	24.6	26.6	32.2	37.4	44.4	51.4

3. At the end of Title V, add the following:

**“POLICY STATEMENT ON IMMIGRATION REFORM**

(a) FINDINGS.—The House finds the following:

- (1) Fixing the country’s broken immigration system will mean safer communities, a stronger economy and lower budget deficits.
- (2) The Congressional Budget Office estimated that enacting the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act, as introduced by House Democrats in the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, would have reduced the deficit by \$900 billion over the next two decades, boosting the economy by 5.4 percent, and increasing productivity by 1.0 percent.

- (3) The Social Security Actuary estimated that immigration reform will reduce the Social Security shortfall by 8 percent and will extend the life of the Social Security Trust Fund by two years.
- (4) The United States is a Nation founded, built and sustained by immigrants, and we have a responsibility to harness the power of that tradition by implementing an effective and fair immigration policy.
- (5) The current immigration system is broken because it keeps families of legal immigrants and U.S. citizens separated for decades, it allows for the exploitation of undocumented workers to the detriment of all workers, it does not meet the needs of our economy and discourages legal immigration, and it keeps millions of hard-working, law-abiding families who have lived in our communities for decades hiding in the shadows, including many thousands who came to the U.S. as infants or young children.
- (6) Overly aggressive immigration enforcement that focuses on individuals with deep ties to the United States hurts state and local law enforcement efforts to establish and maintain trust with immigrant communities. The number of Latinos reporting crimes in big cities across the country is lower than past years, particularly among domestic violence and sexual assault victims.
- (7) The vast majority of individuals in U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) custody have not been convicted of a serious crime. ICE's own statistics demonstrate that arrests of people with no criminal record increased 157 percent in the first 100 days of the Trump Administration and only 6.5 percent of those arrested were convicted of violent crimes.
- (8) The number of detained asylum seekers continues to rise dramatically and detaining asylum seekers, other vulnerable populations, and those who do not pose risks to public safety is unnecessary and wasteful.
- (9) Increasing the use of alternatives to detention rather than expanding immigration detention would be more humane and cost-effective.
- (10) It has been nearly four years since the Senate passed, on a bipartisan basis, its comprehensive immigration reform bill.
- (11) Immigration reform is needed to secure the sovereignty of the United States of America and to establish a coherent and just system for integrating those who seek to join American society.

(12) A successful immigration system cannot rely on border security alone. We need a system that promotes the reunification of families, protects workers and is responsive to the needs of employers, and implements an inclusive legalization program for those who are currently here.

(b) POLICY ON IMMIGRATION REFORM.— It is the policy of this resolution that Congress enact comprehensive immigration reform – such as the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act, introduced by House Democrats in the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress – to boost our economy, lower deficits, establish clear and just rules for citizenship, and make our communities safer.”

4. Make all necessary and conforming changes to the Chairman’s mark.
5. Amend the committee report to reflect the following policy assumptions:

The resolution’s revenue and spending levels reflect enactment of the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act. Immigration reform will not only bring clear and just rules for those seeking citizenship and help secure our borders, but also boost the economy, extend the solvency of Social Security, and reduce budget deficits. The Congressional Budget Office estimated that passage of this legislation would reduce the deficit by \$900 billion over the next two decades, boost the economy by 5.4 percent, and increase productivity by 1.0 percent.