



April 18, 2023

Chairman Jim Jordan
Committee on the Judiciary
2138 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Central American Resource Center of Northern CA - CARECEN SF Statement for the House Judiciary Markup of the Border Security and Enforcement Act of 2023

Dear Chairman Jim Jordan,

We, the Central American Resource Center of Northern CA - CARECEN SF, write in strong opposition to the Border Security and Enforcement Act of 2023 that the House Judiciary Committee will mark up on April 19th. The bill is aimed at advancing an extreme anti-immigrant agenda and harming immigrant communities.

The Border Security and Enforcement Act of 2023 bill would:

1. Make significant changes to our asylum system, making it nearly impossible for people to seek asylum in the U.S. despite being eligible, and significantly easier to deport asylum seekers, including families and children into harm's way;
2. Restart the failed and dangerous Remain in Mexico program for all people migrating, including unaccompanied children;
3. Inappropriately require family detention for any families attempting to enter the U.S. to seek asylum, as well as any families who previously entered the U.S. without visas. Detention is not a just way to treat people who are survivors of trauma;
4. Subject all unaccompanied children to an expedited removal process, harming children, particularly those in danger of trafficking;
5. Unjustly criminalize and penalize people compelled to overstay their visa when Congress should focus on solutions that regularize the status of long-term residents by fixing our broken immigration system;
6. Eliminate the parole power that presidents historically were able to use to parole individuals in response to humanitarian emergencies or in furtherance of foreign policy objectives and preclude the President's recent parole programs for Ukrainians, Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, and Venezuelans, as well as cut work authorization available to many parolees;
7. Mandate E-Verify for all employers in the U.S., damaging our economy, harming American workers, and resulting in billions of dollars in lost government revenue.



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The bill would harm immigrant communities while driving an intentionally divisive agenda to amplify anti-immigrant animus. We urge you and your colleagues in the House to spend your valuable time constructing moral and effective policy solutions instead.

Sincerely,

The Central American Resource Center of Northern CA - CARECEN SF