

IMMIGRATION ACCOUNTABILITY

The President's Immigration Accountability Executive Actions will help secure the border, hold nearly 5 million undocumented immigrants accountable and ensure that everyone plays by the same rules.

Acting within his legal authority, the President is taking an important step to fix our broken immigration system.

These executive actions crack down on illegal immigration at the border, prioritize deporting felons not families, and require certain undocumented immigrants to pass a criminal background check and pay their fair share of taxes as they register to temporarily stay in the US without fear of deportation.

These are common sense steps, but only Congress can finish the job. As the President acts, he'll continue to work with Congress on a comprehensive, bipartisan bill—like the one passed by the Senate more than a year ago—that can replace these actions and fix the whole system.

For the past half century, every president—Democratic or Republican—has used his legal authority to act on immigration. President Obama is now taking another common sense step.



FIGHTING BACK AGAINST GOP MISINFORMATION

ON AMNESTY...

- Taxes and background checks aren't amnesty. That's accountability. Doing nothing—that's amnesty.
- We need to focus on deporting felons, not families; criminals, not children.

ON LEGAL AUTHORITY...

- Every president for over half a century, both Democrats and Republicans, has taken executive action on immigration.
- The President's actions are temporary. House Republicans need to do their job and pass the bipartisan Senate bill to provide a permanent fix.

ON FUNDING OR SHUTDOWN THREATS...

- Republicans are blocking funding to conduct millions of criminal background checks.
- Another Republican Shutdown, but this time over collecting taxes from undocumented immigrants.

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THE PRESIDENT'S EXECUTIVE ACTIONS...

CRACKING DOWN ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION AT THE BORDER

- The President's actions increase the chances that anyone attempting to cross the border illegally today will be caught and sent back. Continuing the surge of resources that effectively reduced the number of unaccompanied children crossing the border illegally this summer, the President's action will also centralize border security command-and-control to continue to crack down on illegal immigration.

DEPORTING FELONS, NOT FAMILIES

- The President's actions focus on the deportation of people who threaten national security and public safety. He has directed immigration enforcement to place anyone suspected of terrorism, violent criminals, gang members, and recent border crossers at the top of the deportation priority list.

ACCOUNTABILITY - CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND TAXES

- The President is also acting to hold accountable those undocumented immigrants who have lived in the US for more than five years and are parents of US citizens or Lawful Permanent Residents. By registering and passing criminal and national security background checks, millions of undocumented immigrants will start paying their fair share of taxes and temporarily stay in the US without fear of deportation for three years at a time.

Streamline legal immigration to boost our economy and promote naturalization for those who qualify.

... but even as the President implements these common sense steps, Congress can finish the job by passing a comprehensive, bipartisan bill like the one approved by the Senate more than 500 days ago.