



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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The Honorable Ron Johnson
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The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
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The Honorable Sean Duffy
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Ron Kind
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The Honorable Gwen Moore
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The Honorable Tom Petri
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The Honorable Mark Pocan
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The Honorable Reid Ribble
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Paul Ryan
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable James Sensenbrenner
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senators Johnson and Baldwin and Representatives Duffy, Kind, Moore, Petri, Pocan, Ribble, Ryan, and Sensenbrenner:

We are encouraged that both the U.S. Senate and U.S. House have been working, in a bipartisan manner, on comprehensive immigration reform. As members of the Wisconsin State Legislature, we believe that immigration reform must be addressed by the federal government.

It is clear that tough, fair, comprehensive immigration reform has bipartisan support and we are calling upon you to reform our broken immigration system. The American people want and deserve resolution to this important issue and our Congressional delegation must work together to ensure that a bill reaches the President's desk.

We believe that maintaining the safety and security of the United States is the utmost priority. Thus, any immigration reform measure must include increased security to our nation's borders to protect and secure our communities. We support immigration reform that focuses on public

safety, targets serious crime, and provides safeguards for victims and witnesses. We must ensure that law enforcement has the staffing, resources, and tools necessary to enforce immigration laws, protect our borders, and stem the tide of smuggling of drugs, arms, and humans.

Immigration reform must also address the issue of those who are already in the U.S. A tough, fair, and comprehensive approach to immigration reform should provide a pathway to citizenship to those who are already here provided they pass a background check, pay their taxes and a penalty, and learn English.

Additionally, the immigration reform measures must be flexible in order to address the needs of businesses in various states, with state input, while protecting workers' interests. More specifically, in Wisconsin, we need to ensure that agriculture has a stable workforce. Our dairy industry needs reform measures that go beyond existing seasonal work programs because they are insufficient given the year-round daily requirements of a dairy operation.

Any immigration reform proposal should prioritize keeping families together to ensure the most supportive home environment for all children. Based upon these important components of immigration reform, we are calling upon you to support legislation to enact these much needed and long overdue reforms to our immigration system.

We thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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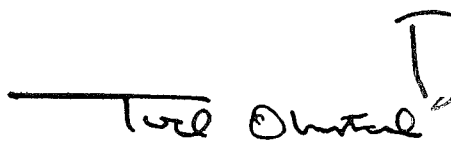


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