

Amendment to the Chairman’s Mark

Offered by Representatives Yarmuth, Van Hollen, Pascrell, Moore, McDermott, Lee, Pocan, Lieu, and Moulton

**Adopt Comprehensive Immigration Reform**

1. Increase the aggregate levels of revenue by the following amounts in billions of dollars to account for increased economic growth resulting from adoption of the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act, as introduced by House Democrats in the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
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.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
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 VI, add the following:

“Sense of the House on Immigration Reform

(a) The House finds that---

- (1) fixing the country’s broken immigration system will mean a stronger economy and lower budget deficits;
- (2) The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that enacting the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act, as introduced by House Democrats in the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, will 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;

- (3) the Social Security Actuary estimates 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) America 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 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 discourages legal immigration and does not meet the needs of our economy, and it keeps millions of hardworking, law abiding families who have lived in our communities for decades hiding in the shadows, which includes many thousands who came to the U.S. as infants or young children;
- (6) it has been nearly two years since the Senate passed, on a bipartisan basis, its comprehensive immigration reform bill;
- (7) 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;
- (8) as a nation, we have the right and responsibility to make our borders safe, to establish clear and just rules for seeking citizenship, to control the flow of legal immigration, and to eliminate illegal immigration, which in some cases has become a threat to our national security; and
- (9) a successful immigration system will mean smarter, more accountable and efficient border security; a system that promotes the reunification of families; a system that protects workers and is responsive to the needs of employers; strong employment verification laws; and an inclusive legalization program for those who are currently here.

(b) It is the sense of the House that it is imperative that the full House vote on 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 establish clear and just rules for citizenship, secure our borders, boost our economy, and lower deficits.

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 accommodates 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 it will also boost the economy, extend the solvency of Social Security, and reduce budget deficits. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that passage of this legislation will 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.