

Amendment to the Chairman's Mark

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

Adopt Comprehensive Immigration Reform and Protect Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Recipients

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.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
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 (Allowances) by the following amounts in billions of dollars to reflect adoption of the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
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 AND DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA)

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

- (1) Fixing the country's broken immigration system, and reinstating DACA, will mean safer communities, a stronger economy, and lower budget deficits.
- (2) The Congressional Budget Office in 2014 estimated that enacting the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act, as introduced by House Democrats in the 113th Congress, would reduce the

deficit by \$900 billion over two decades, boost the economy by 5.4 percent, and increase productivity by 1.0 percent.

- (3) The Social Security Actuary estimated that immigration reform, such as the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act, will reduce the Social Security shortfall by 8 percent and will extend the life of the Social Security Trust Fund by two years.
- (4) Since 2012, more than 800,000 people--who were brought to the United States as children and went on to get an education, start careers, and build their lives in this country--have benefited from the DACA program.
- (5) According to the Institute of Taxation and Economic Policy, those eligible for or enrolled in DACA pay \$1.8 billion annually in state and local taxes. This includes \$1.2 billion from those enrolled in the program and an additional \$497 million from those eligible, but not enrolled in the program.
- (6) The CATO Institute estimated ending DACA would lead to \$60 billion in lost revenue to the federal government over the next decade. The Center for American Progress estimated failing to reinstate the DACA program would reduce the gross domestic product (GDP) by \$460 billion over the next decade.
- (7) 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.
- (8) The current immigration system is broken because it keeps families of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents 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 United States as infants or young children.
- (9) The United States spends more on immigration enforcement than on all other federal law enforcement combined. For 2018, Congress appropriated \$21.3 billion for the U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Congress appropriated a total of \$15.5 billion for the Marshals Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Drug Enforcement Administration, Secret Service, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

- (10) 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.
- (11) 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.
- (12) The use of detention, including of asylum seekers, continues to rise dramatically, and detaining vulnerable populations and those who do not pose risks to public safety is unnecessary and wasteful. The Administration's policy of separating children, including babies as young as one year old, from their parents at the border is immoral and inhumane.
- (13) Increasing the use of community-based alternatives to detention rather than expanding immigration detention would be more humane and cost-effective.
- (14) 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.
- (15) 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 AND DACA.**— It is the policy of this resolution that Congress enact H.R. 3440, the Dream Act, and comprehensive immigration reform – such as the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act, introduced by House Democrats in the 113th Congress – to boost the nation's economy, reduce deficits, establish clear and just rules for citizenship, and make the nation's 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 the nation's 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 two decades, boost the economy by 5.4 percent, and increase productivity by 1.0 percent.