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A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

**SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO PROMOTE COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORMS THAT
ENCOURAGE LEGAL IMMIGRATION, DETER UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRATION, PROMOTE ECONOMIC
GROWTH AND ENSURE SECURE BORDERS.**

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1 To the Congress of the United States of America:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, the government of the United States has an obligation to its
4 citizens to secure its borders and ensure the rule of law in its communities;
5 and

6 Whereas, the government of the United States must strengthen
7 international border security efforts by dedicating adequate and significant
8 resources for technology, personnel and training for border region
9 enforcement; and

10 Whereas, federal immigration policies must adhere to the United States
11 tradition as a nation of immigrants and reaffirm this nation's commitment to
12 family unity, economic opportunity and humane treatment; and

13 Whereas, immigrants have contributed significantly to the strength and
14 economic prosperity of the United States and action must be taken to ensure
15 their fair treatment by employers and protection against fraud and abuse; and

16 Whereas, current immigration laws and the enforcement of such laws are
17 ineffective and do not serve the people of the United States, the national
18 security interests of the United States or the economic prosperity of the
19 United States; and

20 Whereas, the United States cannot effectively carry out its national
21 security policies unless the United States identifies unauthorized persons
22 and encourages them to come forward and participate legally in the economy of
23 the United States; and

24 Whereas, illegal immigration fosters other illegal activity, including
25 human smuggling, trafficking and document fraud, all of which undermine the
26 national security interests of the United States; and

27 Whereas, illegal immigration burdens states and local communities with
28 hundreds of millions of dollars in uncompensated expenses for law
29 enforcement, health care and other essential services; and

30 Whereas, illegal immigration creates an underclass of workers who are
31 vulnerable to fraud and exploitation; and

32 Whereas, fixing the broken immigration system requires a comprehensive
33 approach that provides for adequate legal channels for immigration and strong
34 enforcement of immigration laws that will serve the economic, social and
35 security interests of the United States; and

36 Whereas, foreign governments, particularly those that share an
37 international border with the United States, must play a critical role in
38 securing international borders and deterring the illegal entry of foreign
39 nationals into the United States; and

40 Whereas, federal immigration policy should foster economic growth by
41 allowing willing workers to be matched with willing employers if no United
42 States worker is available to take a job; and

43 Whereas, immigration reform is a key component to achieving effective
44 enforcement and will allow for the best use of security and enforcement
45 resources to be focused on the greatest risks; and

1 Whereas, President George W. Bush supports a guest worker program; and
2 Whereas, bipartisan support for immigration reform may be greater than
3 in the past due to the new makeup of Congress; and

4 Whereas, comprehensive immigration reform and strong enforcement of
5 immigration laws will encourage legal immigration, deter illegal immigration
6 and promote the economic and national security interests of the United
7 States; and

8 Whereas, the Arizona Legislature supports comprehensive immigration
9 reforms that encourage authorized immigration, deter unauthorized
10 immigration, promote economic growth and ensure secure borders.

11 Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of
12 Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

13 1. That the Congress of the United States adopt sensible and
14 comprehensive immigration reforms that include the following:

15 (a) Establishment of programs to secure the international borders of
16 the United States of America, including programs for effective enforcement.

17 (b) Assistance to states such as Arizona to cover costs of law
18 enforcement associated with unauthorized immigration.

19 (c) Establishment of market-based visa programs for essential workers.

20 (d) Promotion of historic circular migration patterns that allow
21 workers to enter the United States to work and then return to their families
22 in their home country when their work is done.

23 (e) Encouragement of family unity and reduction of the backlog of
24 immigration applications.

25 (f) Settlement of the status of unauthorized persons after being
26 subject to sanctions such as paying an appropriate fine, paying an
27 application fee, establishing that the person has been employed or in school
28 during the qualifying period and undergoing a medical examination.

29 (g) Establishment of a right to qualified representation, at no
30 expense to the government, at immigration proceedings.

31 (h) Reimbursement of emergency health services furnished to
32 unauthorized persons.

33 2. That the Congress of the United States immediately begin effective
34 enforcement of these reforms at the federal level so that Arizona is not
35 forced to shoulder the cost of enforcing federal immigration laws.

36 3. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a copy
37 of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the
38 United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
39 Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.