

Having conducted a legislative tour of the U.S.-Mexico border myself, it is my belief that the U.S. must secure its borders and end illegal immigration. This would greatly enhance national security and reduce or eliminate the burden to taxpayers caused by illegal immigration. Among the immigration security measures that I have cosponsored in past Congresses are the Secure Borders FIRST Act, which is designed to stop the ability of illegal aliens to use fraudulent Social Security numbers to obtain government benefits, and the CLEAR Act, which would prevent "sanctuary cities" from operating safe havens for illegal immigrants. During consideration of the health care bill, I opposed proposals to provide taxpayer health benefits to illegal immigrants. In the 111th Congress, I opposed the DREAM Act and proposals to grant amnesty to illegal aliens. In addition, I have signed a legal brief in support of the State of Arizona's right to enact its own laws to combat illegal immigration.

In the 112th Congress, I will continue to support meaningful and effective reforms to protect our borders. Among the bills I have cosponsored are the SAVE Act to secure U.S. borders and end unlawful employment of illegal immigrants, the Birthright Citizenship Act (H.R. 140), the Nuclear Family Priority Act (H.R. 692), the Keep Our Communities Safe Act (H.R. 1932), the No Social Security for Illegal Immigrants Act (H.R. 787), the English Language Unity Act, and H.R. 3842, which would prohibit funding for Department of Justice lawsuits seeking to invalidate state laws against illegal immigration.

To view a letter that Congressman Bachus sent to the President on the need for strong border security, [click here](#).