



**A report on border security
and illegal immigration from
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“Securing our borders and fixing the illegal immigration crisis demands Congress takes action this year.”

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America faces a crisis on our borders. Ineffective enforcement of existing immigration laws and a porous border have made it rewarding and easy for thousands of illegal immigrants to cross into the United States every day undetected. The President has announced steps to address this problem including the temporary assignment of 6000 National Guard troops at the border.

Strengthening our borders

Congressman Boustany helped pass the **Border Protection, Anti-terrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act** to help better secure our borders and keep our nation safe. This important law:

- **Builds** an additional 700 miles of fortified, double fencing along the Mexican border.
- **Increases penalties for alien smuggling** and establishes mandatory minimum sentences.
- **Stiffen penalties for illegal aliens who re-enter the United States** after having been removed.
- **Bars illegal immigrants who are potential terrorists** or security risks from becoming U.S. citizens.
- **Ends the “catch and release” policy** and requires mandatory detention for all illegal aliens apprehended at U.S. land borders. It also allows for quicker deportation for illegal aliens.

Reforming immigration laws

Congressman Boustany has been working with other members of Congress to pass common-sense immigration law reforms including:

- The Real ID Act (HR 418) restricts illegal immigrants from obtaining a drivers license or other forms of government issued Identification.
- The Homeland Security Authorization Act (HR 1817) increases funding for border agents and allows them to better enforce our immigration laws.
- The Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act (HR 4437) includes provisions that prohibits localities from requiring businesses to set up day labor sites and makes it easier for officials to detain illegal aliens and deport them.