



Uniting and Securing America (USA) Act of 2018

H.R.4796

- The USA Act of 2018 was created by Representatives Hurd (R-TX) and Aguilar (D-CA) it is supported by a bipartisan group of over 25 Republican and 25 Democrat Representatives.
- USA Act of 2018 addresses Dreamers and Border Security, Immigration Courts and Securing the Northern Triangle
- **DREAMERS: USA Act of 2018 protects Dreamers.** The bill:
 - Provides qualifying individuals with Conditional Permanent Resident Status (for up to 8 years) and path to citizenship.
 - Provides a path to citizenship for a larger population than the 800,000 DACA recipients. Instead applicants can include DACA-recipients, TPS recipients and other undocumented young people who meet the requirements. Requirements Include:
 - Living in the U.S. continuously since December 31,2013
 - Having entered the U.S. before age of 18
 - Meet educational, military or employment requirements.
- **BORDER SECURITY: USA Act of 2018 augments Border Security.** The bill:
 - Develops Southern Border Strategy and New Technology Use
 - Evaluation of type of barrier to be used along Southern Border- based on cost, community stakeholders, environmental concerns
 - Strengthens Port of Entry Infrastructure
 - Authorizes new ports along Southern and Northern border
 - Requires a plan to minimize wait times at ports
 - Increases Operation Stone garden Funding
 - DHS grant program that gives funds to local law enforcement agencies involved in active CBP operations
- **IMMIGRATION COURT: USA Act of 2018 increases immigration court resources.** The bill:
 - Mandates increases in Immigration Judges (55/year) & Attorneys (23/year)
 - Requires DOJ to conduct training for immigration judges and lawyers
- **SECURING NORTHERN TRIANGLE: USA Act of 2018 works to address root causes and prevent future irregular migration.** The bill:
 - Conditions aid to Northern Triangle on governmental efforts to address smuggling, screening and safety of migrants and steps to combat corruption and strengthen rule of law
 - Directs President to appoint senior official to coordinate US government's efforts in Northern Triangle in cooperation with international partners