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