Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable William H. Frist
Majority Leader, U.S. Senate
S-230 The Capitol
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Dear Senate Majority Leader Frist,

We are writing to express our deep concerns with the outlook for immigration reform in the United States Senate. We feel that, in light of strong voter attitudes against the Senate approach toward immigration reform, the time has come for the Senate to act on comprehensive immigration enforcement legislation and reject calls to grant amnesty for an estimated 12 to 20 million illegal aliens currently residing in the United States.

As you know, our country desperately needs secure borders and a comprehensive immigration enforcement plan. Our constituents demand it, and they recognize that both border security and robust interior enforcement of our immigration laws is necessary to protect national security and ensure economic fairness in our immigration laws.

We would like call to your attention a recent Zogby poll. This poll, conducted of likely voters finds that Americans prefer, by a two to one margin, the House of Representatives' enforcement-only bill, H.R. 4437, to several pending bills in the Senate that grant amnesty to millions of illegal aliens. In addition, support for the enforcement-only approach by itself proves to be widespread among the electorate with 81 percent of Republicans, 72 percent of Independents, 57 percent of Democrats, and 53 percent of Hispanics supporting the enforcement-only House bill. This poll clearly demonstrates the need to first pass immigration enforcement-only legislation, and defer consideration of any guestworker program or amnesty of any kind until our borders are secure and illegal immigration has ceased.

Congress is in a unique position to do the right thing by changing our failed immigration policies of the past and demonstrate to our constituents that we will place strengthening enforcement of our immigration laws as contained in H.R. 4437 first and foremost above consideration of a guestworker or amnesty program. We thank you for your past commitment to strengthening our nation's immigration laws and we look forward to working with you on this important issue for the future and security of our great nation.

Sincerely,

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