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Key Vote Alert: ATR Will Rate a Vote on Immigration Bill This Week

This week, the House of Representatives will be taking up HR 4437. This bill would fill in onethird of the pie in comprehensive immigration reform—enforcement. Unfortunately, it would also impose costly mandates and penalties on America's businesses, large and small.

HR 4437 would hike fines, criminalize more offenses, and compel all employers of all sizes to subject their workforce to background checks within 6 years. This raises both cost concerns for small businesses and privacy concerns for all Americans.

These employer-verification provisions, if modified, would be acceptable if in the context of comprehensive reform. <u>However, to impose massive sanctions and mandates on businesses (while at the same time not giving them access to the workforce they need to keep America growing) is shortsighted and is bad policy.</u>

Therefore, ATR will rate a vote on HR 4437 this week unless Title VII of the bill (which deals with employer sanctions) is removed or severely neutered. We reserve the right to score final passage or any ameliorating amendment.

ATR WILL RATE THIS VOTE IN OUR ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL RATINGS