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Our nation's immigration and border control policies cry out for reform. While our best border control officers should be preventing the next terrorist incursion into our country, they are instead hunting down willing workers. The attacks of September 11th called for new and updated thinking in all areas of federal law enforcement, and immigration reform has been a glaring omission.

America's immigration system must be reformed in a responsible, welcoming, adult manner along the lines laid out by President Bush. Willing workers should be matched with willing employers, citizenship and residency applications must be streamlined, and the focus must shift to protecting the nation from terrorists.

Border security has been increased since 9/11, and should continue to be so. The latest technology must be used to make sure America's border is free of terrorist incursions. In order to let the border guard do their job of defending America, the President supports giving foreign laborers guest worker cards, "to match willing workers with willing employers."

President Bush is opposed to amnesty for illegal immigrants. He also does not want to give foreigners in the guest worker program any advantage over those who are trying to become citizens through normal, due process channels.

Congress should support President Bush's common-sense plan to reform and strengthen America's broken immigration system even as border security is addressed today in the House of Representatives.

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