



REP. ELI CRANE INTRODUCES LEGISLATION TO RESTRICT CHAIN MIGRATION, CURB ABUSE OF U.S. IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

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Nuclear Family Priority Act would crack down on unlimited chain migration

Recently, **Rep. Eli Crane (R-AZ)** introduced the [Nuclear Family Priority Act](#), which strengthens the U.S. immigration system by restricting chain migration to only those within a visa holder's nuclear family.

The current family-sponsored visa system has resulted in endless chains of foreign nationals overwhelming our immigration system. Worse, it further incentivizes illegal immigration by encouraging distant relatives of immigrants to arrive and reside illegally in the U.S. while they wait for a visa to become available.

To mitigate these issues, the legislation:

1. Eliminates extended, non-nuclear family visa categories and limits family-sponsored visa eligibility to nuclear family members only; and
2. Reduces the baseline annual cap for family-sponsored visas issued.


The bill also allows for exceptions in special circumstances for immigrants to care for aging parents.

The Nuclear Family Priority Act was previously introduced last Congress by former Rep. Jody Hice (R-GA).

Since Joe Biden took office, more than 8 million criminal aliens have crossed into the United States, 300+ terror watchlist members have been incentivized to infiltrate our communities, over 1.8 million people have illegally crossed *and* evaded Border Patrol, [and more than 325,000 migrants have been flown in by our own government.](#)

Instead of advancing policies that reform and enforce existing immigration laws, secure our borders, and combat cartels, the Biden Administration has intentionally done the opposite to fuel the border and immigration crisis.

"Unrestricted chain migration has allowed for the inexcusable exploitation and abuse of our immigration system. I'm proud to introduce

this bill that will help restore the rule of law, prevent our nation from  being overburdened, and bolster our national security,” **said Rep. Crane.** “I’m grateful to former Rep. Jody Hice for introducing this bill last Congress and to the cosponsors who have joined me in introducing it this Congress.”

Original cosponsors of the bill include Reps. Andy Biggs (R-AZ), Bob Good (R-VA), Matt Rosendale (R-MT), Bill Posey (R-FL), Mary Miller (R-IL), and Andy Ogles (R-TN).