



# Issue Guide

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### Measures for Congress to consider to secure America's border

- Require legal residence to obtain a driver's license. Presently, 20 states have no such requirement.
- Build a security fence along Mexico's 1,951-mile border with the U.S. This would cost about \$4.4 billion, which is less than 1% of the yearly U.S. defense budget. It would help and protect and save the lives of border agents, more than 90 of whom have died patrolling America's borders.
- Allow state and local police to enforce immigration laws.
- Allow the National Guard to patrol America's borders. The National Guard patrols America's airports, but is not being used to protect our nation where we are most vulnerable — our open borders.
- Reject all measures that would reward known criminals who broke the law to enter the United States and broke the law while here.
- Enact laws to expedite deportation of known criminals who entered the U.S. illegally, thereby avoiding the kinds of expensive delays and frivolous proceedings that now can take years.

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