

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To replace title I of the bill with specific border security requirements that shall be met before the Secretary of Homeland Security may process applications for registered immigrant status or blue card status and to avoid Department of Homeland Security budget reductions.

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To provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. CRUZ

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1 On page 33, strike line 1 and all that follow through
2 page 60, line 25, and insert the following:

3 **TITLE I—BORDER SECURITY**

4 **SEC. 1101. BORDER SECURITY REQUIREMENTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—During the 3-year period begin-
6 ning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
7 retary shall—

8 (1) triple the number of U.S. Border Patrol
9 agents stationed along the international border be-
10 tween the United States and Mexico;

1 (2) quadruple the equipment and other assets
2 stationed along such border, including cameras, sen-
3 sors, drones, and helicopters, to enable continuous
4 monitoring of the border;

5 (3) complete all of the fencing required under
6 the Secure Fence Act of 2006 (Public Law 109–
7 367);

8 (4) develop, in cooperation with the Department
9 of Defense and all Federal law enforcement agen-
10 cies, a policy ensuring real-time sharing of informa-
11 tion among all Federal law enforcement agencies re-
12 garding—

13 (A) smuggling routes for humans and con-
14 traband;

15 (B) patterns in illegal border crossings;

16 (C) new techniques or methods used in
17 cross-border illegal activity; and

18 (D) all other information pertinent to bor-
19 der security;

20 (5) complete and fully implement the United
21 States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Tech-
22 nology (US-VISIT), including the biometric entry-
23 exist portion; and

24 (6) establish operational control (as defined in
25 section 2(b) of the Secure Fence Act of 2006 (Public

1 Law 109–367)) over 100 percent of the inter-
2 national border between the United States and Mex-
3 ico.

4 (b) TRIGGERS.—The Secretary may not commence
5 processing applications for registered provisional immi-
6 grant status pursuant to section 245B of the Immigration
7 and Nationality Act, as added by section 2101, or blue
8 card status under section 2111 until the Secretary has
9 substantially complied with all of the requirements set
10 forth in subsection (a).

11 (c) BUDGETARY EFFECTS OF NONCOMPLIANCE.—

12 (1) INITIAL REDUCTIONS.—If, on the date that
13 is 3 years after the date of the enactment of this
14 Act, the Secretary has failed to substantially comply
15 with all of the requirements set forth in subsection
16 (a)—

17 (A) the amount appropriated to the De-
18 partment for the following fiscal year shall be
19 automatically reduced by 20 percent;

20 (B) an amount equal to the reduction
21 under subparagraph (A) shall be made avail-
22 able, in block grants, to the States of Arizona,
23 California, New Mexico, and Texas for securing
24 the international border between the United
25 States and Mexico; and

1 (C) the salary of all political appointees at
2 the Department shall be reduced by 20 percent.

3 (2) SUBSEQUENT YEARS.—If, on the date that
4 is 4, 5, 6, or 7 years after the date of the enactment
5 of this Act, the Secretary has failed to substantially
6 comply with all of the requirements set forth in sub-
7 section (a)—

8 (A) the reductions and block grants au-
9 thorized under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of
10 paragraph (1) shall increase by an additional 5
11 percent of the amount appropriated to the De-
12 partment before the reduction authorized under
13 paragraph (1)(A); and

14 (B) the salary of all political appointees at
15 the Department shall be reduced by an addi-
16 tional 5 percent.

17 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
19 there are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
20 this title such sums as may be necessary for each of
21 the fiscal year 2014 through 2018.

22 (2) OFFSET.—Any amounts appropriated pur-
23 suant to paragraph (1) shall be offset by an equal
24 reduction in the amounts appropriated for other pur-
25 poses.