

Washington DC – A bipartisan group of freshman House lawmakers joined Congressman Duncan Hunter to introduce legislation today that outlines several guiding principles for comprehensive immigration reform. H. Res. 1026, the Bipartisan Reform of Immigration through Defining Good Enforcement (“BRIDGE”) Resolution was introduced by Congressmen Hunter, Jason Chaffetz (R-UT), Frank Kratovil (D-MD), Glenn Nye (D-VA) and 18 other House members.

“Our national and economic security continues to be threatened by our porous borders and the inconsistent enforcement of existing immigration laws,” said Congressman Hunter. “The immigration reform debate must not be dictated by misguided calls for open borders and amnesty. The American people expect security to be a priority and immigration laws to be thoroughly enforced in our communities and the workplace. This resolution emphasizes these principles as the basis for any immigration reform measure that might move forward.”

The BRIDGE Resolution states that Congress:

- Make E-Verify mandatory for all employers and hold employees accountable as well;
- Provide sufficient border infrastructure and manpower to secure and control our borders;
- Reject amnesty or any legal status that grants citizenship to those living in the U.S. in violation of current law.

The measure’s primary sponsor, Congressman Jason Chaffetz, added, “Our government has a duty and responsibility to make our first immigration priority the enforcement of existing immigration laws by ensuring that illegal behavior is punished, not rewarded. Any discussion of comprehensive immigration reform must begin with a renewed commitment to enforce our immigration laws. We need to remove the incentives that encourage illegal behavior if we expect to get immigration under control.”