

Military Realignment and Immigration Reform Act

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Objective: This act aims to reduce the U.S. global military footprint, reallocate resources to improve domestic security and immigration processing, and establish a global network of immigration embassies to facilitate legal immigration. The result is a more fiscally responsible defense strategy, a secure border, and an efficient, humanitarian-focused immigration system.

I. Military Realignment and Global Installation Reduction

A. Strategic Reduction of Overseas Military Installations

- **Prioritized Base Closures:** Conduct a comprehensive review of all U.S. military installations globally to identify bases with limited strategic value for closure, consolidation, or downsizing.
- **Regional Command Centers:** Shift from numerous bases to fewer, strategically located regional command centers that manage U.S. interests with fewer personnel and advanced technological support.
- **Increased Use of Remote Defense Capabilities:** Expand satellite surveillance, AI, drone technology, and cyber capabilities to maintain strategic defense with a reduced physical presence.
- **Projected Savings:** \$75-125 billion annually.

B. Strengthening Domestic Defense and Border Security

- **Reallocation of Resources for Border Security:** Direct a portion of savings to bolster U.S. border security with advanced technology, specialized training for personnel, and rapid response systems.
- **Strengthening Strategic Alliances:** Enhance partnerships with allied countries to share regional security responsibilities through mutual defense agreements and joint training.

- **Investment in Cybersecurity and Intelligence:** Allocate additional funds to reinforce domestic cybersecurity, addressing non-physical threats such as cyberattacks.
 - **Reallocation of Savings:** Approximately \$20 billion annually redirected to border security and cybersecurity.
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II. Global Immigration Embassy Program

A. Establishment of Immigration Embassies Worldwide

- **Network of Global Immigration Embassies:** Create a network of U.S. immigration embassies in key regions (e.g., Latin America, Africa, Southeast Asia, Europe) to serve as primary points for legal immigration processing and pre-screening.
- **Core Functions:**
 - **Screening and Security Checks:** Conduct comprehensive background checks, biometrics, and initial screenings to ensure applicants meet U.S. entry requirements.
 - **Processing for Legal Immigration Pathways:** Manage applications for work visas, family reunification, skilled worker visas, and student visas, reducing strain on U.S. consulates.
 - **Asylum and Refugee Pre-Screening:** Pre-screen asylum seekers and refugees at these embassies, allowing qualified cases to proceed to the U.S. border or designated processing centers.
- **Initial Investment:** \$10 billion to establish infrastructure, digital systems, and train personnel; ongoing operational costs covered by processing fees.

B. Digital Infrastructure and Efficiency Enhancements

- **Centralized Digital Platform:** Implement a unified digital system across embassies for application processing, security checks, and case management.
- **Biometric Data and Verification:** Collect biometric data and collaborate with international security agencies for thorough background checks.
- **Real-Time Communication with U.S. Border Agencies:** Enable efficient data sharing between embassies, USCIS, and CBP to streamline processing.
- **Annual Operational Costs:** \$5 billion, largely offset by application fees.

C. Expanded Legal Pathways for Immigration

- **Skilled and Seasonal Work Visas:** Streamline work visa applications for sectors needing skilled labor or seasonal workers, addressing labor shortages.
 - **Family Reunification and Residency Visas:** Support family-centered immigration through efficient processing for family-based visas.
 - **Asylum and Refugee Programs:** Strengthen legal pathways for asylum seekers and refugees, offering safer, organized options over irregular entry.
 - **Benefits:** Eases pressure on border facilities, strengthens security through overseas screening, and facilitates a structured, lawful immigration process.
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III. Immigration System Modernization and Border Security

A. Enhanced Border Security and Management

- **Advanced Border Technology:** Invest in surveillance, biometrics, and AI-driven analytics to monitor borders efficiently.
- **Improved Staffing and Training for Border Agents:** Increase recruitment and training for CBP officers, emphasizing de-escalation and technology proficiency.
- **Centralized Processing Centers:** Establish processing centers for applicants from immigration embassies and individuals arriving at the border, improving efficiency.
- **Annual Investment:** \$8 billion, supported by defense savings.

B. USCIS Infrastructure and Processing Upgrades

- **Digital Infrastructure Overhaul:** Update USCIS systems to reduce processing delays, using automation and data integration.
- **Expanded Processing Facilities and Staff:** Open additional USCIS offices in high-demand areas, employing staff to handle increased applications.
- **Expedited Asylum Processing:** Allocate resources for quicker asylum case evaluations, reducing wait times and backlogs.
- **Annual Cost:** \$5 billion, with partial cost recovery through application fees.

C. Earned Legalization Pathway for Undocumented Immigrants

- **Legalization for Law-Abiding Immigrants:** Establish a pathway for undocumented individuals with clean records, enabling them to gain legal status by paying taxes, learning English, and contributing to community service.
- **Community Integration Support:** Partner with nonprofits for job training, education, and integration resources to support participants' contributions.
- **Program Funding:** Primarily funded by participant fees and grants, minimal additional cost to the federal government.

IV. Projected Savings, Investments, and Benefits

Category	Annual Savings / Costs	Details
Overseas Base Closures and Reductions	\$75-125 billion savings	Strategic base consolidation
Modern Defense Initiatives	\$20 billion reallocated	Advanced technology and cybersecurity
Border Security Enhancements	\$8 billion investment (defense savings)	Advanced tech, personnel, processing centers
Global Immigration Embassies	\$10 billion initial investment; \$5 billion annual operating	Network of global embassies
USCIS Upgrades	\$5 billion initial investment	Digital upgrades, staffing, and new facilities
Legalization Program for Undocumented Immigrants	Self-funded by fees	Structured path to legal status

V. Projected Long-Term Outcomes

1. **Significant Reduction in Defense Spending:** A smaller global footprint lowers defense costs by up to \$125 billion annually, funding domestic security needs while maintaining a strategic defense posture.

2. **Improved Border Security and Immigration Processing:** Enhanced border security and immigration embassy screenings reduce irregular immigration, increase lawful entries, and streamline asylum processes.
 3. **Controlled and Lawful Immigration Flow:** Immigration embassies act as structured entry points, reducing illegal crossings and promoting organized immigration through lawful pathways.
 4. **Economic Growth from Skilled Immigration:** Expanded skilled and seasonal work visas help address U.S. labor shortages, contributing to economic growth while controlling immigration flow.
 5. **Pathway to Legalization for Undocumented Residents:** A fair legalization program provides undocumented immigrants an opportunity to contribute legally, improving integration and community stability.
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Implementation and Oversight

1. **Three-Year Military Realignment Phase:** Conduct a phased approach for base closures and personnel reallocation to maintain security without disruption.
 2. **Immigration Embassy Rollout:** Establish 10 initial embassies within two years, with expansion based on demand and regional needs.
 3. **Digital Infrastructure and Staff Expansion:** Upgrade USCIS and embassy digital systems within 18 months, with new staff trained to manage processing demands.
 4. **Five-Year Legalization Pilot:** Implement a pilot for the legalization pathway with comprehensive reviews and assessments for expansion based on outcomes.
 5. **Oversight Committee:** Establish a bipartisan oversight committee to monitor spending, ensure efficient implementation, and make necessary adjustments.
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Goals and Vision

- **National Security through Strategic Defense and Modernization:** Realigned military resources maintain national security at lower costs, with a focus on partnerships and technology.

- **Efficient, Humane Immigration System:** The Global Immigration Embassy Program creates structured pathways to lawful immigration, reducing pressure at the U.S. border and improving humanitarian management.
- **Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Stability:** By reducing unnecessary spending, this act promotes economic stability and efficiency, balancing defense needs with sustainable immigration practices.

The **Military Realignment and Immigration Reform Act** aims to create a fiscally responsible, secure, and humane approach to defense and immigration. This balanced proposal strengthens U.S. national security, streamlines immigration processes, and ensures that America remains both a secure and welcoming nation for lawful immigrants.