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The Alliance for a Competitive Workforce



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United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative:

As representatives of both employers and workers, we come together to voice our strong opposition to an enforcement-only approach to immigration reform, and we therefore oppose the discharge petition on H.R. 4088, the Secure America Through Verification and Enforcement Act (SAVE Act).

For close to a decade, we have advocated for sensible, long-term reform of our nation's immigration laws. We certainly agree that enforcement measures are a crucial part of immigration reform; however, any immigration legislation should include solutions to the other equally pressing aspects of the national crisis surrounding workers who contribute to key sectors of our economy.

We share specific concerns with the SAVE Act. For example, Title II of the SAVE Act, if enacted, would exacerbate the current problems with the existing voluntary government basic pilot program. It would run the risk of displacing hundreds of thousands of authorized U.S. workers, with inadequate protections for employers and workers. It would also be extremely costly, according to an analysis this month from the Congressional Budget Office.

In summary, we are opposed to the discharge petition on H.R. 4088. Instead, we urge the House to consider a broader range of urgent reforms that will serve our economic, security, and other core national interests. We are prepared to continue to work with all involved, and we thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

The Essential Worker Immigration Coalition

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