

Perez Is Weak On Immigration And Border Security Policy. She Opposes Construction Of A Border Wall, Backs Amnesty And Supports Sanctuary City Policies That Put Dangerous Illegal Immigrant Criminals Back On Our Streets To Commit More Crimes, Instead Of Being Deported. And She Would Give Taxpayer Funded Lawyers To Illegal Immigrants.

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- **VIDEO: Perez: “... Listen Like Nobody Stays Awake At Night Worrying About The Southern Border ...”** ([Pod Save America](#), 3/30/23) Minute 53:08 – 53:14

HEADLINE: “House Dem In Trump District Takes Heat For Saying ‘Nobody Stays Awake At Night’ Over Border Crisis” (Adam Shaw, “House Dem In Trump District Takes Heat For Saying ‘Nobody Stays Awake At Night’ Over Border Crisis,” [Fox News](#), 1/13/24)



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In March 2023, Perez Went On Pod Save America And Stated “Nobody Stays Awake At Night Worrying About The Southern Border.” “Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez, D-Wash., who won her seat in an upset in 2022, was on Pod Save America in March when she made the comments about the ongoing border crisis -- arguing that most Americans have other things to worry about. ‘Listen, nobody stays awake at night worrying about the southern border,’ she said. ‘That's just not...people stay awake at night worrying that their kid is gonna relapse or that, you know, someone's going to drop out of school or they're going to lose their house.’” (Adam Shaw, “House Dem In Trump District Takes Heat For Saying ‘Nobody Stays Awake At Night’ Over Border Crisis,” [Fox News](#), 1/13/24)

Votes

Perez Voted Against Restarting Construction Of A Border Wall And Reforming Asylum

On May 11, 2023, Perez Voted Against The Secure The Border Act. “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would require the Homeland Security Department to take a number of actions to limit illegal immigration into the United States, including by resuming construction of the ‘border wall’ along the southwestern border, bolstering Customs and Border Protection, reopening border detention facilities, limiting asylum applications and eligibility, and establishing a mandatory employment verification system. To enhance physical border security, the bill would require DHS to resume all previously planned border wall construction on the U.S.-Mexico border. It would require DHS to design, install and operate at least 900 total miles of physical barriers and other infrastructure and technology along the border, until the department achieves ‘operational control’ of the border, defined under current law as the prevention of all unlawful entries into the country. To bolster operations and capacity of Customs and Border Protection, the bill would require CBP to

maintain at least 22,000 full-time agents by Sept. 30, 2025, and authorize up to \$100 million for agent retention bonuses. It would authorize \$110 million annually through fiscal 2028 for new DHS grants to law enforcement agencies in border states to assist with CBP operations. It would authorize funding for CBP to upgrade license plate readers and install cameras, microphones, and surveillance and intrusion detection systems at the northern and southern borders. It would require CBP to issue and regularly update a strategic plan to enhance U.S. border security, including to address security gaps between ports of entry, staffing requirements and information sharing. It would require DHS to ensure that the CBP Air and Marine Operations carries out at least 110,000 flight hours annually and operates unmanned aircraft systems over the southern border 24 hours per day. As amended, the bill would require Congress to commission a report that contains a national strategy to address Mexican drug cartels, including a determination of whether there should be a designation established to address such cartels. Among provisions limiting eligibility for asylum within the United States, the bill would specify that noncitizens are eligible for asylum only if they arrived at an official U.S. port of entry. It would tighten standards for determining whether an individual has a ‘credible fear of persecution’ and is persecuted as part of a ‘social group’ or based on a ‘political opinion.’ It would expand reasons disqualifying individuals from asylum eligibility, including convictions for certain offenses such as using a false ID, domestic violence, child abuse, certain drug possession or trafficking, and repeated or serious driving while intoxicated; traveling through but not seeking asylum in at least one other country party to certain refugee protection treaties; and ability to avoid persecution by relocating to another part of their home country. It would require DHS to return asylum seekers who cannot be detained to a safe third country during their immigration proceedings. Among other immigration enforcement provisions, the bill would require DHS to reopen or restore the use of all Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention facilities that were in operation on Jan. 20, 2021. It would require DHS to detain parents and their children together and return all unaccompanied children to their country of origin. It would limit ‘parole’ authority allowing noncitizens to temporarily live and work in the U.S. allowing DHS to grant parole only on a case-by-case individual basis. The bill would require DHS to create a system based on the E-Verify pilot program to verify whether prospective employees are eligible to work in the U.S. and gradually require all employers to begin using the new system over 24 months, with 36-month deadline for agricultural sector employers.” (H.R. 2, [Roll Call Vote #209](#): Passed 219-213; R 219-2; D 0-211; 5/11/23, Perez Voted Nay; [CQ Summary](#), Accessed 5/19/23)

- The Secure The Border Wall Act Would “Restart Border Wall Construction, Restrict Asylum,” And “Crack Down on The Employment Of Undocumented Immigrants.”**
 “House Republicans passed a sweeping border security package Thursday that lawmakers in both parties and chambers said could spark bipartisan negotiations on immigration measures. The House voted 219-213 to pass the bill, which would restart border wall construction, restrict asylum and more. No Democrats supported the bill, and two Republicans also voted against it: Kentucky Rep. Thomas Massie and California Rep. John Duarte. (...) Congressional Republicans have made U.S.-Mexico border security a priority amid high migration levels. The House voted hours ahead of the end of the Title 42 policy, which is expected to further increase migration. House Majority Leader Steve Scalise, R-La., called the bill the ‘strongest border security package that Congress has ever taken up.’ The bill would require the Department of Homeland Security to resume construction of a border wall that Biden halted and invest more in border security technology and personnel. It would make it harder for migrants to qualify for asylum, permit migrant children to be detained for months with their parents and crack down on the employment of undocumented immigrants. The legislation would also limit federal funding to nongovernmental organizations that assist migrants and curb the government’s authority to allow certain migrants to come to the U.S. legally under a form of humanitarian protection known as parole.” (Suzanne Monyak and Lindsey McPherson, “House-Passed Border Bill May Spark Bipartisan Immigration Talks,” [Roll Call](#), 5/11/23)
- The Bill Would “Increase Penalties For Individuals Who Overstay Their Visas And Bolster The Number Of Border Patrol Agents.”**
 “The legislation, which House Speaker Kevin McCarthy called the ‘strongest border security bill to come through Congress in more than

100 years,' would increase penalties for individuals who overstay their visas and bolster the number of Border Patrol agents. H.R. 2, known as the 'Secure the Border Act,' also restarts border wall construction and reinstates the 'remain in Mexico' policy that required some asylum-seekers to be sent back to Mexico during immigration proceedings." (Lauren Peller, "McCarthy-Backed Border Bill Passes House Hours Before Title 42 Ends," [ABC News](#), 5/11/23)

- **The Legislation Would Also Overturn A Biden Administration Policy To Allow Migrants From Venezuela, Haiti, And Nicaragua "To Apply To Come To The U.S. For Two Years Legally And Work."** "House Republicans passed a sweeping bill Thursday to build more U.S.-Mexico border wall and impose new restrictions on asylum seekers, creating a hard-line counter to President Joe Biden's policies just as migrants are amassing along the border with the end of coronavirus pandemic restrictions. (...) The bill would also scrap a program that has allowed U.S. officials to accept or quickly turn away some migrants from Venezuela, Haiti and Nicaragua. The program is a cornerstone of Biden's immigration efforts, allowing migrants from those countries to apply to come to the U.S. for two years legally and work." (Stephen Groves, "House Republican Pass new Asylum Restrictions As Title 42 Ends; Biden Promises Veto," [The Associated Press](#), 5/11/23)

On May 11, 2023, Perez Voted For A Motion To Recommit The Secure The Border Act.

"Garcia, D-Texas, motion to recommit the bill to a committee." (H.R. 2, [Roll Call Vote #208](#): Failed 211-221: R 0-221; D 211-0; 5/11/23, Perez Voted Yea; [CQ Summary](#), Accessed 5/19/23)

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On May 22, 2025, Perez Voted Against H.R. 1, The One Big Beautiful Bill Act. "Passage of the bill that would provide for approximately \$3.8 trillion in net tax cuts and \$321 billion in military, border enforcement and judiciary spending, offset by \$1.5 trillion in spending reductions, as instructed in the fiscal 2025 budget resolution (H Con Res 14). It would raise the statutory debt limit by \$4 trillion and provide for increased spending on defense and border security, spending cuts on social safety net programs, such as Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. It also includes a mix of tax breaks for businesses and individuals; tax increases on universities and foundations; and a phase-down of clean energy tax credits. It would reduce spending on Medicaid by \$625 billion over a 10-year period and modify eligibility and cost provisions for enrollees and health providers and impose work, volunteer and education requirements on adults ages 19 to 64 who are covered by the program. It would appropriate 'such sums as necessary' for reducing cost-sharing payments for low-income individuals who've purchased 'silver' plans on the 2010 health care law's exchanges. But payments to plans that cover abortions would be mostly barred. It would extend and make permanent individual tax brackets and rates included in the 2017 tax overhaul law (PL 115-97) and provide for the adjustment of the lower bounds of each tier based on inflation. It would reduce federal spending on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program by requiring states to shoulder more of the cost, expand work requirements for SNAP, extend programs authorized under the 2018 farm bill, and prohibit the U.S. Department of Agriculture from increasing the cost of the Thrifty Food Program. As amended, it would cap state and local tax deductions at \$40,000 for households with incomes below \$500,000 and prohibit Medicaid funding for gender transition therapies or procedures for minors and adults, among other provisions." (H.R. 1, [Roll Call #145](#), Passed: 215-214-1-2; R:215-2-1; D:0-212; Perez Voted Nay, 5/22/25; [CQ](#), Accessed: 6/10/25)

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The One Big Beautiful Bill Act Contains A Provision Appropriating An Extra \$8.58 Million For Immigration And Customs Enforcement (ICE). “APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for fiscal year 2025, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$858,000,000 to remain available until September 30, 2029, for the purposes described in subsections (b) and 15 (c).” ([H.R. 1](#), Introduced: 5/20/25)

- **The Appropriation Would Provide Retention And Signing Bonus For ICE Agents.** “(b) RETENTION BONUSES.—U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement may provide retention bonuses to any U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent, officer, or attorney who commits to two years of additional service with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to carry out immigration enforcement. (c) SIGNING BONUSES.—U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement shall provide a signing bonus to each U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent, officer, or attorney who is hired on or after the date of enactment of this Act and who commits to five years of service with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to carry out immigration enforcement.” ([H.R. 1](#), Introduced: 5/20/25)

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The One Big Beautiful Bill Act Provides \$4.1 Billion To Hire Border Patrol Agents And Other Personnel And More Than \$2 Billion For Signing And Retention Bonuses For Agents. “The legislation is now in the hands of the Senate after the House narrowly approved it last month following weeks of intraparty disagreement over its components. Though the bulk of the funding allocated in the legislation goes toward tax cuts, it also includes resources aimed at bolstering border security and defense. It provides \$46.5 billion for the border wall, \$4.1 billion to hire Border Patrol agents and other personnel and more than \$2 billion for signing and retention bonuses for agents. It also imposes an additional \$1,000 fee for people who are filing for asylum in the U.S.” (Kaia Hubbard, “GOP Leaders Cite L.A. Immigration Protests To Push For Quick Passage Of Trump’s ‘Big, Beautiful Bill’,” [CBS News](#), 6/9/25)

Perez Voted Against Funding To Restart Construction Of A Wall On The Southern Border, Providing Funding For More Border Patrol Agents And Customs Officers, And Reimbursing States For Border Security Operations Carried Out During The Biden Administration

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act Would Direct \$168 Billion To Immigration And Border Law Enforcement. “The House of Representatives recently passed its budget reconciliation spending bill, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1). The bill changes numerous aspects of tax and spending law, but its most significant spending increases are for immigration. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates the bill will direct an astounding \$168 billion of the budget to immigration and border law enforcement, and there is even more for agencies that indirectly support immigration law enforcement.” (David J. Bier, “Deportations To Add Almost \$1 Trillion In Costs To The ‘Big Beautiful Bill’,” [CATO Institute](#), 6/6/25)

The One Big Beautiful Act Provides \$46.5 Billion To Restart Construction Of The Wall Along The U.S.-Mexico Border, Provides Funding For More Border Patrol Agents And Customs Officers, And Continues The Deportation Agenda. “The legislation would provide \$46.5 billion to revive construction of Trump’s wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, and more money for the deportation agenda. There’s \$4 billion to hire an additional 3,000 new Border Patrol agents as well as 5,000 new customs officers, and \$2.1 billion for signing and retention bonuses. (Kevin Freking and Lisa Mascaro, “House Republicans Narrowly Passed Trump’s ‘Big, Beautiful’ Bill. Here’s What’s In It” [PBS](#), 5/22/25)

Included In The One Big Beautiful Bill Act Is Reimbursing States For Border Security Operations Carried Out During The Biden Administration. “After the passage of the bill in the House, Cornyn praised the chamber for including border reimbursement and said he would work to make sure the funding remains in the Senate version of the bill. ‘The State of Texas spent more than \$11 billion taxpayer dollars to protect and defend the southern border in the Biden administration’s absence, and I commend the House for passing language that serves as a good starting point in the One Big Beautiful Bill to secure billions in critical funding for Texas, which did the job of the federal government during the Biden border crisis,’ Cornyn said. ‘I will continue to spearhead the fight in the senate for border security reimbursement funding and strengthen the language to ensure that Texas will be rightfully repaid for Operation Lone Star. I thank Congressman Chip Roy and all Texas Republicans in the House of making this reimbursement funding a priority and look forward to working with my Senate colleagues to send the One Big Beautiful Bill Act with these funds included to President Trump’s desk.’” (Steven Ardary, “‘One Big Beautiful Bill’ Includes \$12B For Border Security Reimbursements For Texas, Border States,” [Fox 26](#), 5/22/25)

Perez Voted Against Instituting New Fees For Migrants Seeking To Claim Asylum In The United States

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act Creates \$1,000 Application Fee For Migrants Seeking Asylum. “The measure also includes provisions creating new or higher fees for various immigration-related services. This includes a \$1,000 fee for asylum application, which currently does not exist.” (Ximena Bustillo, “GOP’s Budget Package Proposes To Cut Benefits And Raise Fees For Legal Immigrants,” [NPR](#), 5/28/25)

In Addition To The \$1,000 Asylum Application Fee There Is Also Yearly \$100 Fee To Keep Applications Active And Fees For Work Permits. “Under the bill, immigrants would have to pay \$1,000 to apply for asylum, \$100 to keep an application active each year it makes it through the overburdened immigration system, and \$550 for a work permit.” (Chris Stein, “US House Republicans Propose Fees On Immigrants To Fund Trump’s Crackdown,” [The Guardian](#), 5/17/25)

According To The Committee For A Responsible Federal Budget, The New Immigration Fees Under The One Big Beautiful Bill Act Would Generate \$75 Billion In Revenue. (“Breaking Down The One Big Beautiful Bill,” [Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget](#), 6/4/25)

Judiciary Committee	
Visa Integrity Fee	\$29 billion
Fee Relating to Termination, Renewal, and Extension of Employment Authorization for Asylum Applicants	\$14 billion
Form I-94 Fee	\$11 billion
Diversity Immigrant Visa Fees	\$6 billion
Fee Relating to Renewal and Extension of Employment Authorization for Aliens Granted Temporary Protected Status	\$4 billion
Other Immigration Fees	\$11 billion
Adult Alien Detention Capacity and Family Residential Centers	-\$45 billion
Transportation and Removal Operations	-\$14 billion
Hiring of Additional U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Personnel	-\$8 billion
Unaccompanied Alien Children Capacity	-\$3 billion
Other Provisions and Changes	-\$13 billion*
Subtotal, Judiciary Committee	-\$3 billion (-\$90 billion if permanent)

(“Breaking Down the One Big Beautiful Bill,” [Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget](#), 6/4/25)

Perez Voted Against Removing 1.4 Million Illegal Immigrants From Medicaid

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act Will Remove 1.4 Million Illegal Immigrants From Medicaid. “More than 1.4 million illegal immigrants – including cold-blooded criminals, like those arrested this weekend in Los Angeles – are currently on Medicaid, stealing taxpayer-funded healthcare benefits meant for American citizens. The One Big Beautiful Bill puts a stop to that. By passing the One Big Beautiful Bill, Medicaid will be protected for generations of American citizens.” (The White House, “The One Big Beautiful Bill Will END Taxpayer-Funded Health Care For Illegals,” [Press Release](#), 6/9/25)

Under The One Big Beautiful Bill Act The 1.4 Million Illegal Immigrants Who Are Currently Receiving Medicaid Benefits Would Be Removed From The Program. “Of the 7.6 million, 1.4 million of these recipients are illegal immigrants who would be kicked out of the program and 1.2 million are those who are simply ineligible for the program.” (Isabelle Morales, “5 Myths About Medicaid Improvements in the One, Big, Beautiful, Bill,” [Americans for Tax Reform](#), 5/22/25)

According To Americans For Tax Reform The Bill Would Institute Federal Medicaid Assistance Plan Reductions For States Who Use Funds For Illegal Immigrants. “This bill would implement reasonable work requirements for able bodied adults, more frequent eligibility checks, eliminate illegal immigrants from the program (with an FMAP reduction for states whose funds to provide healthcare to illegals).” (Isabelle Morales, “5 Myths About Medicaid Improvements In The One, Big, Beautiful Bill,” [Americans For Tax Reform](#), 5/22/25)

Washington State Democrats

Perez Is Currently A Special Member Of The Washington State Democratic Central Committee, And Since 2020 Has Served As A “DNC Member,” Which “Governs The Affairs Of The State Party And Acts As A Board To Oversee Policy And Enforce Guidelines Voted On By State Committee Members”

According To The Columbian, Perez Served On The Washington State Democratic Party Executive Committee Since 2020. ([The Columbian](#), Accessed: 5/1/23)

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	Residence:	Stevenson
	Education:	Reed College
	Occupation:	Co-owner of an auto repair shop
	Experience:	Washington State Democratic Party executive committee (2020-current); Underwood Soil and Water Conservation District board of supervisors (2018-current)
	Online:	mariaforcongress.com

([The Columbian](#), Accessed: 5/1/23)

According To The Charter Of The Washington State Democrats, Democrat U.S. Representatives From The State Of Washington Are Special Members, Who Have Equal Voice And Vote As Other Members. “The Washington State Democratic Central Committee, also called the state central committee ("SCC"), shall be the governing body of the Democratic Party of the State of Washington. Members. The SCC shall consist of two state committee members of differing genders elected by each county central committee and by each legislative district. Members shall be elected to terms of two (2) years. They shall have an equal voice and vote. The gender of committee members shall be presumed to remain the same for all purposes and in all party proceedings during their terms. In the event that a county central committee or a legislative district organization fails to elect such a representative, the chair (or the chair's designee) shall be the representative on the SCC. Special Members. In addition, the SCC shall have Special Members. Except in the election of officers and on the adoption or amendment of charter or Bylaws, Special Members shall have equal voice and vote as other members in affairs of the SCC when in personal attendance. Special Members have no proxy. The Special Members of the SCC shall be: 1. The National Committee members elected from the State of Washington. The Governor of the State of Washington if the Governor is a Democrat. United States Senators from the State of Washington if Democrats. 4. United States Representatives from the State of Washington if Democrats.” (“Charter,” [Washington State Democrats](#), Accessed 3/13/25) P. 2 - 3

“The Washington State Democratic Party’s Executive Committee Governs The Affairs Of The State Party And Acts As A Board To Oversee Policy And Enforce Guidelines Voted On By State Committee Members.” ([Washington State Democrats](#), Archived 5/1/23)

The 2024 Washington Democrat Platform Supports Chain Migration

The 2024 Washington Democrat Platform Supports A Pathway To Citizenship For All Immigrants. “Immigration The Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency should be reformed to insure humane treatment ; The United States Congress should pass comprehensive reform of United States immigration policy that includes a path to citizenship for all undocumented immigrants, streamlines our immigration process, removes cost barriers to immigrants, increases the number of people who are permitted to enter the United States, and provides more funding for immigration services;” (“Foreign Policy,” [Washington State Democrats](#), Archived 2/14/25)

The 2024 Washington Democrat Platform Supports Granting Citizenship To Family Members “With The Same Standards As Spouses Of Citizens” “Rights of legal residents and their families Legal permanent residents should have the same rights as American citizens concerning waiting time for their legal spouses to join them in the U.S.; There should be no deportation or detention of family members of U.S. citizens; The Federal Government should increase family unification, including families of domestic partners and bi-national couples, by granting legal status with the same standards as spouses of citizens; Other English should not be established as the sole official language of the United States;” (“Foreign Policy,” [Washington State Democrats](#), Archived 2/14/25)

- **Chain Migration “Is The Process By Which Green Card Holders Or Legal U.S. Residents May Sponsor A Family Member For Immigration To The United States.”** “What is ‘chain migration’? ‘Chain migration’ -- officially known as ‘family reunification’ under federal law -- is the process by which green card holders or legal U.S. residents may sponsor a family member for immigration to the United States. It is the most common legal form of immigration to the United States. According to the Department of Homeland Security, 238,087 immigrants were categorized as a ‘family-sponsored preference’ in 2016, and 566,706 came as ‘immediate relatives of U.S. citizens’ (spouses, children, or parents). Between 60 and 70 percent of all lawful permanent immigration to the United States in the past decade has family-based roots.” (Blair Guild, What Is ‘Chain Migration’?, [CBS News](#), 1/29/18)

The Washington Democrats Oppose Rules That Have The Primary Purpose Of Preventing Immigration, And Are Against Complying With Federal Authorities

The 2024 Washington Democrat Platform Opposes Local Law Enforcement Complying With Federal Authorities. “Border protection Border Patrol checkpoints should be used only at the border; Congress shall repeal the law that allows warrantless search of any vehicle within a ‘reasonable distance’ of the border, interpreted by CBP to mean within 100 miles of all land and maritime borders. Border Patrol should not have any role in ordinary law enforcement activities, including providing routine translation services for other agencies; Border Patrol should not disrupt other civic duties like attending court hearings, inhibiting the right to due process; State or local agencies should have no involvement in the enforcement of federal immigration laws, including providing information, access, and/or assistance to ICE;” (“Foreign Policy,” [Washington State Democrats](#), Archived 2/14/25)

The 2024 Washington Democrat Platform Opposes Detaining Asylum-Seekers. “The merits of asylum seekers should not be judged on U.S. geopolitical and/or economic interests; Asylum-seekers should not be automatically detained or deported; No one should be deported or detained without due process of law; Streamlined and expedited procedures for granting asylum should be provided to persons fleeing from areas of war, genocide, and political oppression, drug and human trafficking, fleeing religious and ethnic oppression, civil strife and violence; Streamlined and expedited procedures for granting work visas should be provided to asylum seekers and migrants seeking employment.” (“Foreign Policy,” [Washington State Democrats](#), Archived 2/14/25)

The 2024 Washington Democrat Platform Opposes Immigration Rules That Have The Primary Purpose Of Preventing New Immigration. “Access to entry The U.S. should not adopt unjust and arbitrary quotas, limits, and other immigration rules that have the primary purpose of preventing new immigration; The U.S. should abandon the “Remain in Mexico” policy, which has led to thousands of kidnappings of asylum seekers; The U.S. should codify that domestic violence and other forms of gender-based violence are recognized reasons for asylum status;” (“Foreign Policy,” [Washington State Democrats](#), Archived 2/14/25)

The 2020 And 2022 Platforms For The Washington State Democrats Call For The Establishment Of A Universal Single-Payer Healthcare System On The Federal Level, Including For Illegal Immigrants, And The 2024 Platform States Immigration Status Should Not Restrict Access To Health Care Systems

The 2020 Platform For Washington State Democrats Calls For The Establishment Of A Universal Single-Payer Healthcare System, “Regardless Of Immigration Status,” On The Federal Level. “Establish a universal single payer healthcare system for United States residents regardless of immigration status;” (“2020 WSDCC Platform,” [Washington State Democrats](#), Archived 11/27/20)

The 2022 Platform For Washington State Democrats Calls For The Establishment Of A Universal Single-Payer Healthcare System, “Regardless Of Immigration Status,” On The Federal Level. “The Federal Government to establish a universal single payer healthcare system for United States residents regardless of immigration status;” (“2022 WSDCC Platform,” [Washington State Democrats](#), Archived 11/2/23)

The 2024 Washington State Democrats Platform States Immigration Status Should Not Restrict Access To Health Care Systems “Health care systems, treatment options, public health, and emergency response plans should not deny or restrict access to comprehensive care or prioritize care based on racial or ethnic identity, marital status, intellectual, mental, or physical disability, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, religious beliefs, socioeconomic status, immigration status, or residency status.” (“2024 WSDCC Platform,” [Washington State Democrats](#), Accessed 3/10/25)

The 2020 And 2022 Platforms For The Washington State Democrats Call For The Federal Government To Provide “Full Coverage Of Transgender Medical Costs” For All, Regardless Of Immigration Status

The 2020 Platform For Washington State Democrats Calls For The “Full Coverage Of Transgender Medical Costs” For All, Regardless Of Immigration Status. (“2020 WSDCC Platform,” [Washington State Democrats](#), Archived 11/27/20)

The 2022 Platform For Washington State Democrats Calls For The “Full Coverage Of Transgender Medical Costs” For All, Regardless Of Immigration Status. (“2022 WSDCC Platform,” [Washington State Democrats](#), Archived 11/2/23)

The 2020, 2022, and 2024 Platforms For The Washington State Democrats Opposes The “Remain In Mexico” Policy And Opposes Having Asylum Seekers Remain South Of The Border While Their Claims Process.

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The 2020 Platform For Washington State Democrats Opposes Having Immigrants Seeking Asylum To Remain South Of The Border While Their Claims Are Processed. “Forcing immigrants seeking asylum back across our southern border into unsafe and inhumane living conditions while they indefinitely await the processing of their asylum claims” (“2020 WSDCC Platform,” [Washington State Democrats](#), Passed: 6/13/20)

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The “Remain In Mexico” Policy Required Asylum Seekers To Wait In Mexico For Their Day In U.S. Immigration Court

The Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) Is Known As The “Remain In Mexico” Policy. “This policy, which was terminated in a memo issued by Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, was the center of President Donald Trump's immigration program known as the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP). In the memo, Mayorkas said the MPP ‘does not adequately or sustainably enhance border management in such a way as to justify the program's extensive operational burdens and other shortfalls,’ and said that the policy known as ‘remain in Mexico,’ had ‘mixed effectiveness.’” (Cammy Pedroja, “Joe Biden Formally Ends Donald Trump's 'Remain In Mexico' Policy: What It Means For Immigration,” [Newsweek](#), 6/1/21)

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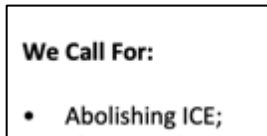
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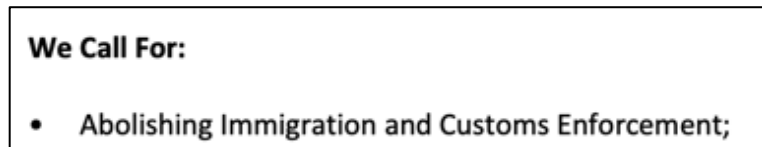
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ICE is involved in disrupting narcotics smuggling. “As part of an international effort to disrupt narcotics trafficking on the darknet, special agents with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and members of the Los Angeles Joint Criminal Opioid and Darknet Enforcement (JCODE) Task Force announced charges Tuesday against a key member of a Southern California drug trafficking organization who allegedly distributed methamphetamine and other illicit narcotics to thousands of customers in at least 35 states and numerous countries around the world.” (U.S. Immigration And Customs Enforcement, “ICE Participates In International Crackdown Targeting Darknet Dealers,” [Press Release](#), 9/22/20)