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## President Bush Offers Plan to Revamp Outdated Immigration Programs

*President outlines new temporary guest worker program.*

WASHINGTON — In an effort to achieve significant immigration reform, President Bush proposed a new temporary worker program. The plan contains several proposals aimed at protecting the homeland by controlling the borders, serving America's economy by matching willing foreign workers with willing U.S. employers when no Americans can be found to fill the jobs. The program would be open to new foreign workers, and to the undocumented men and women currently employed in the U.S.

Current immigration law hinders companies from finding willing workers. The visas now available do not allow employers to fill jobs in many key sectors of our economy. Without harming the economic security of Americans, reform of our Nation's immigration laws will create a system that is fairer, more consistent, and more compassionate.

**“President Bush has again showed tremendous leadership by addressing the current illegal immigration crisis while protecting American workers,”** said Grover Norquist, President of ATR. **“The President’s plan outlines a fair procedure to deal with current undocumented workers and implement a new system that provides jobs to willing workers and employees to willing employers.”**

President Bush is not proposing an amnesty program. Under the proposal outlined by the President, the Federal Government will offer temporary worker status to undocumented men and women now employed in the United States and to those in foreign countries who have been offered employment here.

As a penalty for breaking the law, workers under temporary status must pay a one-time fee to register in the program. In addition, all workers will be required to abide by the rules, and return home after their period of work expires. To ensure that the current illegal immigration problem does not happen again, only people outside the U.S. may join the temporary worker program, and there will be an orderly system in place to address the needs of workers and companies.

**“Critics of immigration reform will trot out their usual scare-tactic slogans in an effort to dissuade Members of Congress from enacting needed reform,”** said Norquist. **“However, President Bush has shown time and again that he is willing to do everything that is necessary to enact legislation that is essential to providing economic and national security to all Americans.”**

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