



PROTECTING OUR NATION'S BORDERS

Immigration reform means securing our borders and fixing legal immigration, not granting amnesty

It is only by streamlining legal immigration, securing our borders, and providing disincentives for illegal immigrants that our broken immigration system can be fixed.

Highlights of Sen. Thune's Commitment to Protecting Our Borders

Border Security

- Sen. Thune [visited the southern border](#) in March 2021 to see the immigration and humanitarian crisis firsthand. He [remains a vocal critic](#) of the administration's failure to reverse the policies that have led to a record number of illegal border crossings.
- Sen. Thune [introduced an amendment](#) to establish a \$25 billion trust fund to enhance U.S. border security. The amendment would also codify protections for those individuals who, at no fault of their own, entered the United States illegally as children and are currently covered by the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.
- Sen. Thune supports the implementation of a biometric entry-exit system at our airports and other ports of entry, and he is an original cosponsor of [legislation](#) to address immigration loopholes to strengthen the integrity of the asylum process to ensure that it is only used by individuals who are genuinely seeking asylum.

No Amnesty

- In 2007, 2013, and 2018, Sen. Thune opposed attempts to pass bills that would have granted amnesty to millions of illegal immigrants before securing our southern border.

Supports Tough Enforcement, Closing Loopholes

- Sen. Thune is an original cosponsor of [Sarah's Law](#), a bill to require federal law enforcement to detain illegal immigrants criminally charged with killing or seriously injuring another person. Sen. Thune also supports Kate's Law, a bill to increase criminal penalties for illegal reentry into the United States after removal or exclusion

Preserve Legal, Seasonal Work Visas:

- Seasonal work visas provide much of the workforce necessary for tourism and construction in South Dakota. Sen. Thune has authored legislation to provide additional H-2B visas for states with especially low unemployment and to surge H-2B workers in the forestry and conservation industries.

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