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IMMIGRATION REFORM PROPOSALS

- Restore judicial review over immigration decisions that are arbitrary, capricious, not supported by substantial evidence or not in accordance with law.
- Restore immigration judge authority to consider bond for detained immigrants. \$1B a year is spent on detention of nonviolent immigrants.
- Establish statutes of limitation. Old offenses or misrepresentations should not be the focus on current enforcement.
- Codify decisions that say that minors cannot have intent to commit fraud.
- Eliminate 3/10 year bars.
- Restore suspension of deportation.
- DREAM Act
- Permanent Partners
- Start Up Visa Act of 2011
- Update registry to 2010
- Immediate residency for STEM graduates
- Allow EWIs to apply for AOS as immediate relatives without 245(i)
- Eliminate one year filing deadline for asylum
- Provide immediate work authorization for asylum applicants

- Eliminate piecemeal waivers and allow for single, generous waiver for all but most serious offenses modeled on 212(c) or 209(c)
- Eliminate H-1B cap
- Allocate sufficient visas so that visa backlogs never reach unmanageable proportions (i.e. 3-5 years)