



May 17, 2007

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Reid:

Third Way writes to commend your successful efforts to bring comprehensive bipartisan immigration reform legislation to the floor. Although there is more work to be done on this legislation, it offers a promising start. It is tough on the border where it needs to be. It is fair to both taxpayers and hardworking immigrants who seek to build a better life. And it is practical in terms of dealing with the current crisis and restoring the rule of law.

There are 12 million illegal immigrants in America. For the past five years, the enforcement of our immigration laws has been lax, compounding an already difficult situation. And last year, short-sighted conservative opposition led to the collapse of very promising legislation.

Through hard work, the Senate is set to take up this difficult but critical legislation again. It is time to move forward, and Third Way stands ready to support your efforts to make this bill even better.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jon Cowan".

Jon Cowan  
President