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## Want to Do Something on Immigration? Emphasize Nuclear Families

Dear Colleague:

As many of us know, our current system of immigration suffers from numerous problems, not the least of which are:

- “Chain migration,” where distant relatives well outside the basic family unit of an original immigrant have become an immigration priority
- Husbands, wives, parents and their minor children who remain separated for years, while distant family members such as aunts, uncles, in-laws, cousins, and even 2nd cousins get their green cards
- A Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services that cannot keep up with screening and paperwork, causing extremely dangerous security gaps and a maze of bureaucracy
- A majority of immigrants admitted solely on their relation (even distantly) to someone already here, instead of skills, education, ability, or English proficiency

If you could do one thing that would substantially improve this situation, wouldn't you do it? You can help by *cosponsoring the Nuclear Family Priority Act*. I first introduced this legislation in October and I am currently *seeking original cosponsors* for the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress.

The Nuclear Family Priority Act would enact some of the recommendations of the bipartisan U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform, chaired by the late Congresswoman Barbara Jordan of Texas. The Jordan Commission found that America's national interests would be best served by eliminating extended family-based immigration categories, and it urged that nuclear family members become the sole family-based priority.

The Nuclear Family Priority Act would restore emphasis to basic family reunification. More specifically, it would:

- End “chain migration”

- Expedite the reunification of married couples and parents with their young children
- Take immigration off auto-pilot
- Relieve the workload that overwhelms the immigration system and undermines our homeland security
- End the “technical eligibility” for a visa that leads to years-long backlogs and waiting lists, particularly in heavily applied, extended relative categories
- Restore faith in the legal process, reducing the incentive for illegal immigration

If you agree with reinstating traditional immigration, acting on the good sense of the bipartisan Jordan Commission, and returning fairness to the family-based function of our immigration preference system, then please co-sponsor the Nuclear Family Priority Act.

For additional information or to have your name added to the list of co-sponsors, please contact Jonathan Osborne of my staff at 5-2018 or [jonathan.osborne@mail.house.gov](mailto:jonathan.osborne@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phil Gingrey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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