

Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders

Administration Policy:

President Trump issued an executive order (EO) titled [Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders](#), to prevent tax-payer funded benefits from going to illegal immigrants. Specifically, this EO requires federal agencies to examine all federally funded programs, which may currently allow illegal aliens to obtain public benefits – and to take necessary action to prevent illegal aliens from receiving these benefits in the future.

It also requires federal agencies to prevent the subsidization or promotion of illegal immigration through “sanctuary” policies. Additionally, this EO requires the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Administrator of the United States DOGE Service to coordinate with the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy to identify all other sources of federal funding for illegal aliens and recommend enhanced eligibility requirements to the agencies.

The statutory authority for this EO comes from [Public Law 104-193](#) the *Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act* of 1996 (PRWORA), which states it is the policy of the United States that “aliens within the Nation’s borders not depend on public resources to meet their needs,” and that “it is a compelling government interest to remove the incentive for illegal immigration provided by the availability of public benefits.”

Background:

- According to a 2024 [report](#) by the House Budget Committee, the total fiscal burden of illegal aliens on U.S. taxpayers in 2023 was over \$150 billion.
- The Biden administration [abused loopholes](#) in the PRWORA to provide “status” for illegal aliens, allowing them to qualify for federal welfare programs.
 - Prior to former President Biden taking office, the [Congressional Budget Office \(CBO\) estimated](#) that net immigration into the U.S. would be 200,000 individuals per year. The CBO now estimates that net immigration from 2021-2026 will exceed that rate by 8.7 million individuals.
 - CBO also estimates that outlays for benefits provided to this “surge population” will total \$177 billion.
- A fact sheet from the White House can be found [here](#).