

Washington, DC – Congressman Gonzalez issued the following statement in response to an announcement of a comprehensive immigration reform proposal in the U.S. House of Representatives:

“No matter where you stand on immigration reform, we can all agree that the current system is broken and that we need real change now. Everyday we go without it, the worse the situation becomes.

“Today, we’re not only introducing an immigration reform package that is comprehensive but one that is also attainable and smart. We must tackle every aspect of this issue and create a system that works for our economy, observes the laws of our lands, and secures our borders.

“Concurrently, we must also deal with the reality that there are approximately twelve million undocumented already in the US and do so in a humane and sensible way. In this legislation, we address this by keeping families together and by providing an opportunity for citizenship through payment of fees, thorough background checks and English language proficiency. The success of this effort will strengthen the wellbeing of our nation as a whole.

“We need a comprehensive solution and it will require my colleagues in the House to capitalize on this historic opportunity to achieve true immigration reform.”

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