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Realistic Immigration Reform for the Next President and Congress (with relevant supporting USCM resolutions and other references)

- 1) **Increased border security and enforcement (USCM 2006)**
 - a) **Add thousands of new border patrol agents (S.1639, USCM 1995, USCM 2007)**
 - b) **Improve radar and other technological enhancements (WGA,USCM 2007)**
 - c) **Better cross-border cooperation with Mexican officials (WGA, USCM 2007)**
 - d) **More priority and coordination among Federal Agencies in securing the border (USCM 2007)**

- 2) **More support for city and state governments (USCM 2007)**
 - a) **Immediate reimbursement states and localities for local costs of detaining illegal immigrants (S. 1639, USCM 1995, USCM 1996, USCM 2007)**
 - b) **Do not require local/state agencies to assume primary responsibility for Federal immigration enforcement (USCM 2007)**

- 3) **Use new technologies to match up foreign workers with jobs in this country that are going unfilled (USCM 2006, USCM 2007)**
 - a) **Expand guest worker visa programs in areas where there are “documented shortages of U.S. workers (WGA, HR1645, S. 1639).**
 - b) **Create a verifiable and presumptive “Employment Eligibility Verification” system to better track Visa status (S. 1639), prior to intensive ICE workplace enforcement, and in that enforcement focus on employers with a demonstrated history or reasonable suspicion of engaging in exploitative practices (USCM 2008)**

- 4) **Elimination of current obstacles to citizenship or legal resident status for the 10-12 million undocumented residents living in the shadows (USCM 1997, WGA)**
 - a) **Accelerate family unification processes**



b) Allow law-abiding, undocumented individuals to earn citizenship by learning English, passing a criminal background check, and paying appropriate fees and back taxes (USCM 2006, HR1645

5) Protection of the human/civil rights of both citizens and non-citizens being detained (USCM 2007, S. 1639)

a) Formalize rules governing treatment of detainees

b) Allow special visas for witnesses/victims of crime

Key:

USCM:	Adopted resolutions, by year
S. 1639:	2007 bipartisan Senate legislation sponsored by Kennedy, Kyl, McCain and Graham
HR 1645:	2007 bipartisan House legislation co-sponsored by Guterrez and Flake
WGA:	Western Governors Association Policy Resolution adopted February 2006