



Focus on Immigration

[Abbott slated to sign law allowing arrest of anyone crossing Texas border without papers](#)

Governor expected to sign SB4, one of the US's harshest anti-immigration laws, and SB3, allocating \$1.5bn to border security. Greg Abbott, the Texas governor, is expected to sign two rightwing immigration bills, setting off a likely constitutional battle over a new law that allows state and local police to arrest anyone suspected of crossing the Texas-Mexico border without documentation.

[Joint Statement Opposing Anti-Immigrant Legislation in Texas – Trust Coalition](#)

TRUST is a diverse coalition of business, religious, and advocacy organizations that champions policies that value immigrants as vital, productive members of Texas communities. As stakeholders, we strive to work with our elected leaders on long-term solutions to create an immigration system that meets the needs of our state and respects the rights and dignity of asylum seekers and other migrants.

This week, several bills were introduced and passed in the Texas legislature that would, among other things, attempt to empower state officials to carry out immigration enforcement activities, as well as appropriate state funding for a border wall. The American Immigration Council joined nearly 150 organizations, in partnership with the TRUST Coalition, to oppose these bills in Texas. Together, we're calling on Governor Abbott to abandon his unconstitutional efforts and veto these bills or risk thrusting the state into costly litigation.

[Texas Legislature Votes to Seize Immigration Authority from Feds – Gus Bova, Texas Observer](#)

A major U.S. Supreme Court case could be on the horizon as the Lone Star State takes international matters into its own hands.

"This legislation, Senate Bill 4, is a loophole; it is a hook thrown with the intent to unravel judicial precedent," said Representative Victoria Neave Criado, a Dallas Democrat who chairs the Mexican American Legislative Caucus, on the House floor. "[It] is a usurpation of federal power, it is a condemnation of due process, and it is a repudiation of family values and family unity."

"This legislation makes our communities less safe, codifies racial profiling, and will cost our counties millions in unfunded mandates."

[Congress Punts on Supplemental Funding While Setting up Future Fight on Immigration: Aaron Reichlin-Melnick, Immigration Impact](#)

After weeks of uncertainty, Congress passed a continuing resolution bill that funds the government through the end of the year. But this delay will only last a matter of months. In the meantime, Congress is still debating what to do with President Biden's request for emergency supplemental funding to address the situation at the southern border.

[Employment-Based Immigration to Get an Important Update with Biden's Artificial Intelligence Executive Order – Steven Hubbard and Leslie Dellon, American Immigration Council Staff, Immigration Impact](#)

The White House's recent executive order on artificial intelligence marks an important shift in employment-based immigration law, signaling the beginning of a potentially transformative process.