

## **Stop Attacks on Immigrants**

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[January 13, 2006] Please call your Senator ask that they not agree to HR 4437, the House bill by Rep. Sensenbrenner (R-WI).The message:  
Do not agree to H.R. 4437. This enforcement-only bill is anti-immigrant, unfair, and unjust. I urge you to oppose the proposals of H.R. 4437 if it or similar legislation comes to the Senate. In particular to oppose Titles II ("Combatting Alien Smuggling and Illegal Entry and Presence"), IV ("Detention and Removal"), VI ("Terrorist and Criminal Aliens"), and VIII ("Immigration Litigation Abuse Reduction").

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Just days before Christmas, the House approved a bill authored by James Sensenbrenner (R-WI) and Peter King (R-NY), H.R. 4437, the Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act.

**ACTION ALERT:** The House has mounted a frontal assault on the due process rights of non-citizens in this country by passing the Border Protection, Anti-Terrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005 (HR 4437). Click here to view the text of the legislation

(<http://www.aila.org/content/default.aspx?docid=11536>) or here to view a section-by-section analysis of the most troubling provisions

(<http://www.aila.org/content/default.aspx?docid=18126>). In short, this 170-page bill would criminalize unlawful presence; strip judicial review; gut due process for aliens, permanent residents, and U.S. citizens; broaden expedited removal; expand criminal liability to reach family members, employers, and immigrant advocates; increase mandatory detention; place unrealistic and counterproductive restrictions on naturalization; expand the already overbroad aggravated felony definition to reach mere unlawful presence; create new grounds of deportability and removability; and militarize the border.

Get angry, get engaged, and make a difference now!

BACKGROUND--

NATIONAL IMMIGRATION PROJECT ACTION ALERT:

TELL YOUR SENATOR TO OPPOSE SENSENBRENNER'S BORDER PROTECTION BILL IF IT COMES BEFORE THE SENATE!

What is the "Border Protection" Bill?

House Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner (R-WI) introduced the Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005 (H.R. 4437), an enforcement-only bill that threatens asylum-seekers, noncitizens, and their families. Before 9/11, many in Congress agreed that Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA) was so harsh, they were ready to "Fix '96." This will goes further than the worst, most onerous provisions in IIRIRA.

Status: What does the Border Protection Bill do? The bill proposes several draconian measures, only some of which are listed below. If passed, it would:

- \* Expand expedited removal to the interior, denying removal hearings for noncitizens.

- \* Make unlawful presence in the United States a crime.

- \* Deny automatic review in the Circuit Courts, requiring that a single Circuit Court judge first grant permission before the appeal can be filed.
  - \* Make the 3- and 10-year unlawful presence bar apply to everyone, not only people who leave the U.S. This would have disastrous consequences for people applying for green cards in the U.S.
  - \* Deny voluntary departure to individuals who want to appeal to the BIA. This would force any asylum seeker to give up her appeal if she wants voluntary departure.
  - \* Greatly expand the aggravated felony definition to include a broader array of smuggling offenses.
  - \* Bar asylees and refugees with aggravated felonies from becoming lawful permanent residents.
  - \* Overturns the Supreme Court's ruling in Leocal by making any non-citizen convicted of three drunk driving convictions deportable.
  - \* Expand several aggravated felony categories.
- This information is taken from several Immigration advocacy groups in Washington.

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