Dear Republican Members of Congress,

As Republicans, we believe the new Republican majority control of both houses of Congress provides an opportunity to be the problem-solver our country needs. Specifically, there is an opportunity for Congressional Republicans to be the architects of reforms that create jobs, increase prosperity and generally address our country’s needs. We urge you to reform our immigration system so that it discourages the rising tide of illegal immigration, while fixing the unnecessary obstacles that send talented individuals elsewhere and make it harder for American companies to compete, grow, and create jobs for American workers. We must be the Party that Legislates hard work and risk-taking; welcoming immigrants who want to help and contribute to our economy and our society is an important piece of that.

Simple, our immigration system is a sham. There is a humanitarian crisis at our border that neither the President nor Congress has done anything to adequately address. Meanwhile arbitrary and punitive visa laws have harmed our economy and dimmed our competitive advantage in a global marketplace.

Due to Washington’s inaction, businesses in key growth industries are unable to hire the workers they need to expand and compete in a global marketplace. An-demand for local produce grows, American producers don’t because our farmers don’t have the workers they need to harvest, leaving us to import more fruits and vegetables. We end up growing someone else’s agriculture sector, while we could be growing ours. Entrepreneurs who want to start businesses here and hire American workers are turned away. And when we are we, China, Germany, and others who pay far more for it in our economy, that makes us work our hardest. We need to be exporting goods, not talent.

Immigration reform not only is an economic imperative. It’s also a political imperative. Good policy is good politics. Fixing this issue is not a good policy. If the only legislation our Party has recently advanced on immigration is viewed as anti-immigrant or not immigrant friendly, we stand to alienate troves of voters who want to start businesses here and hire American workers are turned away. And when we are we, China, Germany, and others who want to do so.

Failure to fix our immigration system is a failure to adapt to the new market, failure to address a security problem that grows beyond uncompromised borders, and failure to plan for the future of our Party. Addressing our border crisis and keeping the current immigrant trend from becoming the beginning of broader reforms, but it cannot be the end. You have the opportunity to lead a legislative effort. Do so while maintaining this country - and this Party - for the better. We urge you to take this opportunity.

Sincerely,

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