

ESTBALISHMENT OF UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP FOUNDATION

The reform bill creates a nonprofit corporation, “United States Citizenship Foundation” to be appointed by the director of USCIS. It encourages other non-for profit organizations that are seen as allies to the immigrant community to accept the conditions of this bill (militarization, exclusion, enforcement) in order to obtain increased funding through the United States Citizenship Foundation. The Foundation provides direct assistance for aliens seeking RPI status, permanent residency, and or naturalization (citizenship) **(Section 2533)**. The bill awards grants to eligible public or private NGOs **(Section 2534)**.

CREATION OF A “COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS” – WHO WILL BE IN IT? WHAT DO THEY STAND TO BENEFIT FROM “IMMIGRATION REFORM”?

The bill’s “Council of Directors” would be compromised of a Director from USCIS, the Chief of the Office of Citizenship and New Americans, and 10 directors from national community-based organizations **(Sec. 2535 COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS)**. These “Council of Directors” from national community-based organizations allow themselves to become accessories to the state terror and allow its tenets of militarization, exclusion, and enforcement to continue without much critical analysis. This is exemplified today by organizations like ICIRR that receive economic and political support from the “Reformist” governmental establishment. It is our theory that organizations like this are pushing for this reform without seriously questioning its anti-immigrant nature because of the funding they already receive from the governmental establishment and the increased funding and political power they are likely to receive once the bill is implemented. The Executive Director is authorized to carry out these functions by: entering into contracts and other financial assistance agreements with individuals, public, or private organizations, professional societies, and government agencies to carry out the functions of the Foundation and Entering into such other contracts, leases, cooperative agreements, and other transactions as the Executive Director considers appropriate to carry out the activities of the Foundation **(Section 2536. Powers)**.

HOW WILL NGOs QUALIFY FOR FUNDING?

The Secretary through USCIS may award Initial Entry, Adjustment, and Citizenship Assistance (IEACA) grants to eligible public or private non-profit organizations **(Section 2537)**. The organizations will obtain funding dependent on whether or not a certain “American civics ideology” is promoted by these NGOs. This means that organizations likely to obtain funding will be those that encourage a nationalist, patriotic world-view. **(Section 2537)**.

ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW IMMIGRANT COUNCILS

Councils will carry out programs to integrate new immigrants. State and local governments design grants under this section by which organizations (businesses, religious organizations, libraries, etc.) applying for this grant must communicate to the Chief on each occasion that the Chief requests. The proposition and objective of the Councils will give priority to public and private entities that develop, implement, expand, or enhance a comprehensive plan to introduce and integrate new immigrants into the State. This provides a structure for State and local entities to be complicit in the anti-immigrant nature of this bill by registering immigrants into RPI status, and “aiding” the integration of those that qualify for further immigration status (LPR, citizenship). **(Section 2538)**.

HOW MUCH MONEY IS BEING ALLOCATED?

In addition to funds appropriated under section 451(f)(2) of Homeland Security Act of 2002 \$10 million is awarded to the Office of Citizenship and New Americans for a 5-year period ending in 2018. For the grant programs authorized in sections 2537 and 2538 100million dollars are appropriated for a 5-year period ending in 2018. The bill recognizes the need for future appropriations of similar amounts. **(Section 2541)**.