

# TOP 10 REASONS TO OPPOSE BIDEN'S PAROLE-IN-PLACE AMNESTY

- 1. Parole-in-place is illegal.** It violates the parole statute in multiple ways. Parole was intended to allow illegal aliens to *temporarily* enter the U.S. on a *case-by-case basis*, not provide amnesty for aliens already living in the U.S. illegally. Yet, based on nothing more than a memo issued under the Clinton administration, President Biden now claims the authority to create an entire parole-in-place program for hundreds of thousands of illegal aliens who have lived in the U.S. for at least ten years and are married to U.S. citizens. Clearly, this program contradicts both the temporary and case-by-case requirements of the law.
- 2. Parole-in-place circumvents Congressional mandates.** By establishing this massive parole-in-place program, President Biden is intentionally circumventing the legal immigration system established by Congress. This parole-in-place program is not simply a decision to defer removal using prosecutorial discretion. It is an entire immigration benefits program that shields illegal aliens from deportation and ensures they will be treated like green card holders—eligible for all benefits and citizenship.
- 3. Parole-in-place is unfair.** Parole-in-place allows illegal aliens to jump to the front of the line, ahead of millions of would-be immigrants who have followed the legal process. In fact, *only* those who broke the law can qualify for Biden's new program. Prioritizing illegal aliens over legal aliens is just plain wrong.
- 4. Parole-in-place endangers public safety.** The administration claims that parole-in-place is only available to aliens with “no disqualifying criminal history” and that all applicants will receive background checks. However, the government's ability to adequately screen and vet aliens depends on information contained in our databases, which are frequently incomplete, and the cooperation of foreign countries. Only two weeks ago, the Inspector General issued a scathing report describing how CBP's and USCIS' screening and vetting processes have significant deficiencies. And, even if the government is able to uncover an alien's criminal history, many offenses will likely be excused by the administration's lax enforcement policies.
- 5. Parole-in-place rewards illegal behavior.** Those eligible for parole-in-place have illegally lived and worked in the U.S. for years. Many have used false or fraudulent identification documents; many have failed to pay taxes. The administration's parole-in-place program not only pretends these offenses never happened, it rewards this illegal behavior and undermines the rule of law.

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**Parole-in-place encourages more illegal behavior.** The parole-in-place program will only encourage more illegal immigration by telling migrants if they come, they will eventually be rewarded with amnesty. It also encourages massive marriage and document fraud. What documentation will aliens be required to present? Will USCIS accept marriage certificates from foreign countries? How will USCIS determine whether they are authentic? How will USCIS determine who has lived here for 10 years? One of the biggest lessons from the 1986 amnesty is that aliens engaged in widespread fraud to establish eligibility. This parole-in-place program only further undermines the integrity of our immigration system.

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**Parole-in-place is not necessary.** Federal law already contains at least two processes through which illegal alien spouses of U.S. citizens can avoid deportation and obtain a green card. One is called cancellation of removal, and the other, created by the Obama administration through an unlawful executive action, allows the spouses (who normally would have to leave the U.S. and be admitted legally before becoming eligible for a green card) to apply for a “provisional waiver” *inside* the U.S. Now President Biden complains that these programs are “cumbersome,” “risky” and “separate families.” Therefore, he has decided to ignore them and instead create a mass parole-in-place program to circumvent existing avenues.

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**Parole-in-place imposes a massive, unnecessary workload on our immigration agencies.** Our immigration system is already about to collapse under its own weight. USCIS is drowning in frivolous asylum applications, applications from other illegal parole programs, and requests for work permits. To give the agency a larger workload only ensures that *all* applications are slowed, the backlog grows, and *legal* aliens will be the ones to suffer most.

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**Parole-in-place does not secure the border.** After three and a half years, President Biden has refused to address the crisis at the border. It is also manifestly clear that the executive order Biden recently issued was a sham by design; it’s riddled with so many exemptions and loopholes as to make it useless. By granting amnesty to millions of illegal aliens without securing the border, the President is prioritizing illegal aliens over the rule of law and safety of American citizens.

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**This parole-in-place program is only the beginning.** If the President can ignore Congress and simply choose a group of illegal aliens he believes deserves amnesty – regardless of federal law – he will not stop there. Make no mistake: he will continue to expand this parole-in-place program until it covers all illegal aliens in the country.