



The Single-Issue Voter's Guide to the Midterms: *Say vs. Do on H-1B*

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Everybody running this fall has something to say about immigration. This report scores what they have actually done about it, and for challengers who have never held federal office, what they have put on the record.

Each person gets two numbers on the same scale: **what they did and what they say. 100% means the evidence says they would end the H-1B program immediately if they could. 0% means it says they want to raise legal immigration numbers.** People whose immigration work is mostly border enforcement, and barely touches legal admissions, land in the middle.

"Did" comes from every immigration bill a member of Congress wrote or signed on to since January 2023. That is 1,035 bills, pulled from the official Bill Status records and read in full text where no summary existed. "Say" comes from public statements: floor speeches, press releases, interviews, op-eds, campaign sites and posts. The 56 current and former members get both. The 28 challengers have never served in Congress, so they get a "say" score only.

How to read the number

Think of the scale in four bands.

- 80% and up: the record includes a bill to pause or end H-1B, plus a pile of other cuts, and nothing on the other side.

- 60% to 79%: consistent support for cutting legal immigration, such as ending OPT, shrinking family categories, or killing the diversity lottery.
- 40% to 59%: restrictions on the edges, enforcement-heavy, or a mixed record with real expansion bills in it.
- Under 40%: the record leans toward expanding visas, green cards, guest-worker programs, or legal status.

A challenger's score rests on what they chose to say in public, which is thinner and cheaper than a bill. All 28 challengers had at least something on the record about immigration, but for several it is one or two lines about ICE. Read those scores as a lean, not a verdict.

The board

Everyone on the November 3 ballot. Members of Congress first, then challengers.

● did: bills ○ say: public statements ┌─┐ how settled

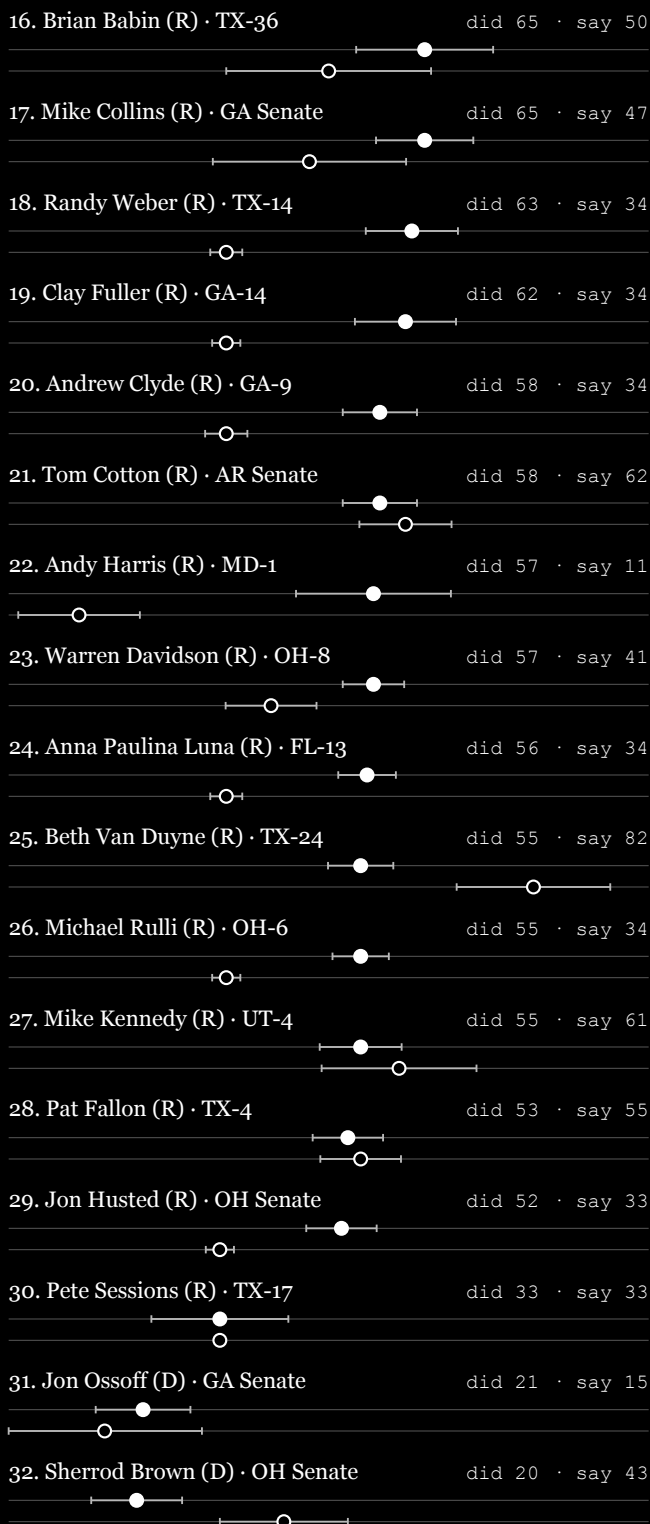
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MEMBERS OF CONGRESS · RANKED BY WHAT THEY DID



THE BOARD, CONTINUED

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CHALLENGERS · RANKED BY WHAT THEY SAY

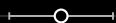
1. Jonny Larsen (D) · UT-4 say 46

no federal record



2. Leela Gray (D) · FL-13 say 37

no federal record



3. Elizabeth Kirtley (D) · OH-6 say 33

no federal record



4. Everett Wess (D) · AL Senate say 33

no federal record



5. Jennifer Todd (D) · IL-15 say 33

no federal record



6. Kristi Burke (D) · TN-1 say 33

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7. Shawn Harris (D) · GA-14 say 33

no federal record



8. Thurman Bill Bartie (D) · TX-14 say 32

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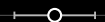
9. Ace Parsi (D) · WV-2 say 31

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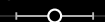
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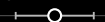
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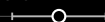
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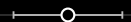
13. Colby Watson (D) · NC-8 say 29

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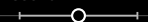
14. Eric Yonce (D) · FL-6 say 29

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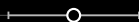
15. Dan Schwartz (D) · MD-1 say 28

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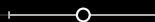
16. Jason Pearce (D) · TX-4 say 26

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17. Matthew Montavon (D) · FL-17 say 25

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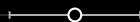


THE BOARD, CONTINUED

0 more legal immigration 50 end H-1B 100

18. Danielle Sterbinsky (D) · AZ-9 say 23

no federal record



19. Eileen Laubacher (D) · CO-4 say 21

no federal record



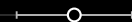
20. Steven Shook (D) · TX-26 say 20

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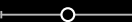
21. Evan Hunt (D) · TX-3 say 19

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22. Vanessa Enoch (D) · OH-8 say 18

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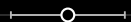
23. Brandon Wade (D) · OK-2 say 15

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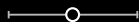
24. Kevin Burge (D) · TX-24 say 13

no federal record



25. Hallie Shoffner (D) · AR Senate say 10

no federal record



26. Casey Shepard (D) · TX-17 say 6

no federal record



27. Eunice Lehmacher (D) · SC-3 say 5

no federal record



28. Michael Masuda (D) · CA-5 say 3

no federal record



What the scores show

Nobody on this ballot clears 90%. The top is Eli Crane at 82%. He wrote H.R. 8443, which pauses new H-1B visas for three years and then caps them at 25,000, and he signed on to the PAUSE Act, a ten-year admissions moratorium, and the bill that ends OPT. The only higher score in the whole report belongs to Marjorie Taylor Greene (85%), who wrote the bill to phase the H-1B cap down to zero and is no longer in Congress.

Greg Steube wrote the other bill on this ballot that would zero out H-1B, the EXILE Act, and lands at 75%. The gap is about breadth. Steube's own bill is as strong as it gets, but he did not sign on to Crane's bill or the PAUSE Act, and most of the rest of his record targets narrow groups, such as terrorists and Chinese Communist Party members.

The pattern across 30 races is blunt. **Every Republican on the ballot scores higher than the Democrat they face.** Republicans run from 33% to 82%, averaging 65%. Democrats run from 3% to 46%, averaging 24%. Twelve Republicans score 70% or higher. No Democrat reaches 50%.

The closest race is UT-4. Mike Kennedy (55%) wrote the PROTECT Act, which tightens H-1B wage rules but exempts health-care workers from the new fees, and he cosponsored the Essential Workers for Economic Advancement Act, a large new guest-worker program. His challenger, Jonny Larsen (46%), is the only Democrat on the ballot who has criticized work-visa programs, saying corporations use them to undercut American wages. Nine points separate them.

The lowest Republican is Pete Sessions at 33%, below several Democrats. His record includes a large farm guest-worker bill and family reunification for Filipino veterans, against one H-1B fraud bill he signed on to in October.

Some of the strongest H-1B bills never made the original version of this guide.

H.R. 2315, the Fairness for High-Skilled Americans Act, ends OPT, the student work program that feeds H-1B, and 19 people on this ballot signed it. Tom Cotton wrote the CAP Act, which ends the university exemption from the H-1B cap. Those bills are counted here.

On the other end, **three challengers say outright that they want more employment-based immigration.** Michael Masuda (3%) wants employer backlogs cut and farm labor channels opened. Eunice Lehmacher (5%) wants the legal immigration caps raised for the first time since 1990. Casey Shepard (6%) wants immigration law changed so foreign medical and construction workers can come work here.

Louder than their record

Some members say more than their bills do. **Beth Van Duyne** (did 55%, says 82%) told an interviewer the H-1B program should be stopped or redone so it does not exist, and tied that to repealing the 1965 immigration law. Her record is H.R. 10643, which raises H-1B fraud fines, filed 33 days before the election. She has not signed on to Crane's pause bill, the PAUSE Act, or the bill that ends OPT.

Riley Moore (did 68%, says 94%) posted that his proposal is to end the H-1B program now, and says OPT is worse and should go too. He did sign on to Crane's pause bill and the OPT bill. The only immigration bill he wrote himself bars Chinese nationals from student visas.

Greg Steube (did 75%, says 97%) is a different case. He talks like an abolitionist and he wrote an abolition bill, the EXILE Act. The gap comes from the rest of his record, which is thinner on legal immigration than his rhetoric.

On the other side of the aisle, **Sherrod Brown** (did 20%, says 43%) pushed as far back as 2013 to make employers offer jobs to Americans before hiring H-1B workers, and in 2018 said he did not want to reduce legal immigration. His record leans the other way: a large legalization bill for TPS holders, a TPS bill of his own, and family reunification for Filipino veterans. Off the ballot, Bernie Sanders shows the same pattern more sharply (did 17%, says 57%). He calls H-1B a scheme to replace American workers with low-wage indentured servants, and his bill record is among the most expansionist in this report.

Quieter than their record

The bigger pattern runs the other way. A cluster of Republicans signed the strongest H-1B bills in Congress and almost never talk about it. Their "say" scores sit near 33%, which on this scale means their public immigration talk is about the border and nothing else.

- **Sheri Biggs** (did 77%, says 33%) signed Crane's pause bill, the PAUSE Act, and the bill

that ends OPT. Asked for her top issue this fall, she talked about the border.

- **Mark Harris** (did 74%, says 34%) signed Crane's pause bill. His campaign site talks about fortifying the border and barring criminals from asylum.
- **Randy Fine** (did 74%, says 39%) signed the PAUSE Act and the OPT bill. His loudest statements are about welfare for non-citizens and never voting for amnesty.
- **Josh Brecheen** (did 72%, says 34%) signed the PAUSE Act and the OPT bill, and talks about parole, DACA health coverage and assimilation.
- **Mary Miller** (did 68%, says 34%) signed Crane's pause bill and the OPT bill. Her pinned post is about amnesty and deportation.

For a voter who cares about H-1B, these are the quiet votes. The signatures are on the bills. The candidates are not campaigning on them, which also means nobody has asked them on the record whether they would vote to end the program.

The contradiction

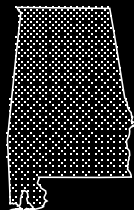
Andy Harris (did 57%, says 11%) has the largest gap of anyone in this report, and it is not silence. He cosponsored the Mass Immigration Reduction Act, which would gut legal immigration. In public he champions guest workers. He thanked the president for extra H-2B visas, calling H-2B "a workforce, not an immigration program," and said the goal is a permanent fix for the seasonal businesses in his district. His bill record contains both men: next to the reduction act sit H.R. 5494,

a large new guest-worker program, and H.R. 614, which lifts the cap on H-2B visas for seafood workers. **His words line up with the second set.**

Race by race

Races are filed by state, with the same two lines for each nominee. Each member's entry opens with a tally of the bills in their record that would change legal immigration: how many restrict it and how many expand it. It then names the bills that drove the score: bills the person wrote first, then the strongest restrictions they signed on to, then anything that would expand legal immigration. Bill descriptions are the official short titles. Sources for every statement are listed in full at the end.

Alabama



ALABAMA · 1 race on this ballot

U.S. Senate (open)

Barry Moore (R)

did 72 · say 70

Everett Wess (D)

say 33

no federal record

Barry Moore. Bill tally: 44 restrict, 1 expand. Wrote H.R. 8586 (Americans First Immigration Act) and H.R. 6976 (Protect Our Communities from DUIs Act). Also signed on to H.R. 6225 (PAUSE Act of 2025), H.R. 8443 (End H-1B Visa Abuse Act of 2026), H.R. 8827 (ASSIMILATION Act) and H.R. 2315 (Fairness for High-Skilled Americans Act of 2025). Backed one bill that would expand legal immigration: H.R. 4726 (To terminate the COVID-19 vaccination requirement for aliens).

Everett Wess. No federal record, so this score rests on public positions. One public remark on immigration: criticism of ICE separating children from parents, with a suggestion that some laws may need to change. No platform plank, nothing on visas or legal immigration levels. The score is close to a guess.

Arizona



ARIZONA · 2 races on this ballot

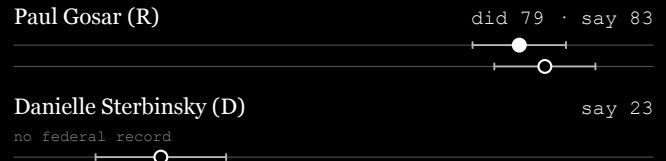
AZ-2 (U.S. House)



Eli Crane, incumbent. Bill tally: 25 restrict, 1 expand. Wrote H.R. 8443 (End H-1B Visa Abuse Act of 2026), H.R. 2705 (Nuclear Family Priority Act) and H.R. 7833 (Nuclear Family Priority Act). Also signed on to H.R. 6374 (To prohibit the admission of aliens to the United States for 10 years), H.R. 6225 (PAUSE Act of 2025), H.R. 8827 (ASSIMILATION Act) and H.R. 2315 (Fairness for High-Skilled Americans Act of 2025). Backed one bill that would expand legal immigration: H.R. 5904 (To amend the One Big Beautiful Bill Act to provide an exception to the parole fee for...).

Jonathan Nez. No federal record, so this score rests on public positions. Standard comprehensive reform: more border technology, agents and caseworkers, plus a pathway to citizenship. He has criticized ICE tactics. Nothing on H-1B, OPT or legal immigration levels, and nothing immigration-related from his time leading the Navajo Nation.

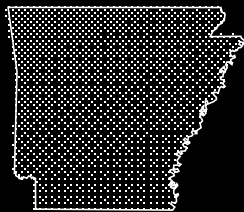
AZ-9 (U.S. House)



Paul Gosar, incumbent. Bill tally: 27 restrict, 1 expand. Wrote H.R. 6374 (To prohibit the admission of aliens to the United States for 10 years) and H.R. 2315 (Fairness for High-Skilled Americans Act of 2025). Also signed on to H.R. 6940 (Mass Immigration Reduction Act of 2024), H.R. 6225 (PAUSE Act of 2025), H.R. 8443 (End H-1B Visa Abuse Act of 2026) and H.R. 5722 (Preserving a Sharia-Free America Act). Backed one bill that would expand legal immigration: H.R. 4726 (To terminate the COVID-19 vaccination requirement for aliens).

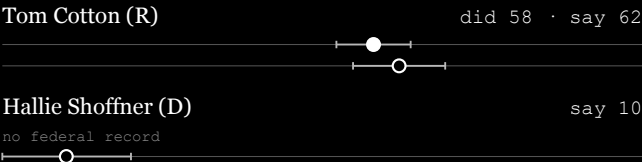
Danielle Sterbinsky. No federal record, so this score rests on public positions. Her campaign site promises to modernize and speed up legal immigration and match it to Arizona's workforce needs, alongside stronger border security. That workforce line is the expansion signal. No visa categories named.

Arkansas



ARKANSAS · 1 race on this ballot

U.S. Senate



Tom Cotton, incumbent. Bill tally: 29 restrict, 1 expand. Wrote S. 2567 (CAP Act of 2025), S. 2941 (Visa Cap Enforcement Act) and S. 872 (SAFETY on Social Media Act of 2023). Also signed on to S. 3318 (American Citizens First Act), S. 4526 (No Safe Haven for Terrorist Families Act), S. 1589 (Immigration Parole Reform Act of 2025) and S. 2553 (Protect Our Communities from DUIs Act). Wrote one bill that would expand legal immigration: S. 2324 (Ensuring American Security and Protecting Afghan Allies Act).

Hallie Shoffner. No federal record, so this score rests on public positions. A farmer who uses H-2A guest workers on her own operation and talks about the program as the way Arkansas farms get labor. She has said undocumented farmworkers should have a legal way to work, called the system a failure for employers who follow the law, and said she would defund ICE as it exists before walking that back to reform. Nothing on H-1B.

California



CALIFORNIA · 1 race on this ballot

CA-5 (U.S. House)

Tom McClintock (R) did 68 · say 51



Michael Masuda (D) say 3

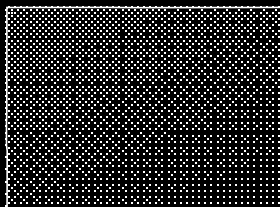
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Tom McClintock, incumbent. Bill tally: 15 restrict, 0 expand. Signed on to H.R. 8443 (End H-1B Visa Abuse Act of 2026), H.R. 2315 (Fairness for High-Skilled Americans Act of 2025), H.R. 2705 (Nuclear Family Priority Act) and H.R. 1241 (SAFE for America Act of 2025). No bill in this record expands legal immigration.

Michael Masuda. No federal record, so this score rests on public positions. The most explicitly expansionist platform on this ballot: expand and modernize legal pathways, cut family and employer backlogs, open legal channels for farm labor, and give Dreamers certainty. He does not name H-1B, but cutting employer backlogs points one direction.

Colorado



COLORADO · 1 race on this ballot

CO-4 (U.S. House)



Lauren Boebert, incumbent. Bill tally: 24 restrict, 1 expand. Signed on to H.R. 6940 (Mass Immigration Reduction Act of 2024), H.R. 6225 (PAUSE Act of 2025), H.R. 8827 (ASSIMILATION Act) and H.R. 2315 (Fairness for High-Skilled Americans Act of 2025). Backed one bill that would expand legal immigration: H.R. 4726 (To terminate the COVID-19 vaccination requirement for aliens).

Eileen Laubacher. No federal record, so this score rests on public positions. Centrist comprehensive reform. Secure the border and remove dangerous criminals, then a path to citizenship and an orderly legal system. No statements on H-1B, OPT, guest workers or levels.

Florida



FLORIDA · 3 races on this ballot

FL-6 (U.S. House)

Randy Fine (R) did 74 · say 39



Eric Yonce (D) say 29

no federal record



Randy Fine, incumbent. Bill tally: 20 restrict, 0 expand. Signed on to H.R. 6225 (PAUSE Act of 2025), H.R. 8827 (ASSIMILATION Act), H.R. 2315 (Fairness for High-Skilled Americans Act of 2025) and H.R. 5722 (Preserving a Sharia-Free America Act). No bill in this record expands legal immigration.

Eric Yonce. No federal record, so this score rests on public positions. Border technology and staffing, enforcement aimed at public-safety threats instead of families and students, and pathways to citizenship. Nothing on H-1B or legal immigration levels.

FL-13 (U.S. House)

Anna Paulina Luna (R) did 56 · say 34



Leela Gray (D) say 37

no federal record



Anna Paulina Luna, incumbent. Bill tally: 11 restrict, 1 expand. Signed on to H.R. 8827

(ASSIMILATION Act), H.R. 2315 (Fairness for High-Skilled Americans Act of 2025), H.R. 9160 (No Safe Haven for Terrorist Families Act) and H.R. 419 (Protecting America From Spies Act). Backed one bill that would expand legal immigration: H.R. 4726 (To terminate the COVID-19 vaccination requirement for aliens).

Leela Gray. No federal record, so this score rests on public positions. No immigration plank. Her only remark on the subject was a cautious answer about federal immigration agents that leaned pro-law enforcement while faulting Congress for weak oversight. Her workforce plank is about training local labor and never mentions visas.

FL-17 (U.S. House)

Greg Steube (R) did 75 · say 97



Matthew Montavon (D) say 25

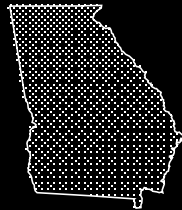
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Greg Steube, incumbent. Bill tally: 26 restrict, 1 expand. Wrote H.R. 7451 (EXILE Act), H.R. 213 (Break the Chain Act) and H.R. 9160 (No Safe Haven for Terrorist Families Act). Also signed on to H.R. 2315 (Fairness for High-Skilled Americans Act of 2025), H.R. 2705 (Nuclear Family Priority Act), H.R. 1241 (SAFE for America Act of 2025) and H.R. 6211 (SAFE Act of 2023). Backed one bill that would expand legal immigration: H.J.Res. 83 (disapproval of the "Circumvention of Lawful Pathways" rule).

Matthew Montavon. No federal record, so this score rests on public positions. Strongly pro-immigrant on enforcement and legalization: a path to citizenship for Dreamers and long-term residents, and eliminating ICE in its current form. He co-founded a local immigrant advocacy coalition. Nothing on work visas or levels.

Georgia



GEORGIA · 3 races on this ballot

U.S. Senate

Mike Collins (R) did 65 · say 47



Jon Ossoff (D) did 21 · say 15

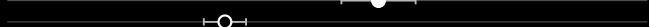


Mike Collins. Bill tally: 12 restrict, 1 expand. Wrote H.R. 1241 (SAFE for America Act of 2025). Also signed on to H.R. 6940 (Mass Immigration Reduction Act of 2024), H.R. 2315 (Fairness for High-Skilled Americans Act of 2025), H.R. 7505 (American Worker Protection Act of 2024) and H.R. 7964 (Halt Immigration from Countries with Inadequate Verification Capabilities Act). Backed one bill that would expand legal immigration: H.R. 4726 (To terminate the COVID-19 vaccination requirement for aliens).

Jon Ossoff, incumbent. Bill tally: 2 restrict, 2 expand. Backed 2 bills that would expand legal immigration, including S. 1301 (Partner with Korea Act) and S. 4888 (A bill to include Czechia in the list of foreign states whose nationals are eligible...).

GA-9 (U.S. House)

Andrew Clyde (R) did 58 · say 34



Caitlyn Gegen (D)

say 31

no federal record

Andrew Clyde, incumbent. Bill tally: 9 restrict, 1 expand. Wrote H.R. 8460 (Territorial Protection and Sovereignty Act). Also signed on to H.R. 8827 (ASSIMILATION Act), H.R. 5722 (Preserving a Sharia-Free America Act), H.R. 4743 (CAP Act of 2025) and H.R. 1100 (SAFE for America Act of 2023). Backed one bill that would expand legal immigration: H.J.Res. 83 (disapproval of the "Circumvention of Lawful Pathways" rule).

Caitlyn Gegen. No federal record, so this score rests on public positions. Ran on ending mass deportations and fighting ICE detention centers, and voter guides list her as backing ICE abolition. Everything she has said is about enforcement. Nothing on H-1B or legal admissions.

GA-14 (U.S. House)

Clay Fuller (R) did 62 · say 34



Shawn Harris (D)

say 33

no federal record

Clay Fuller, incumbent. Bill tally: 7 restrict, 0 expand. Signed on to H.R. 8827 (ASSIMILATION Act), H.R. 8586 (Americans First Immigration Act), H.R. 7359 (Somalia Immigration Moratorium Act) and H.R. 8905 (Inhibiting Militant Adversarial Mullahs Act). No bill in this record expands legal immigration.

Shawn Harris. No federal record, so this score rests on public positions. A farmer running as a centrist: he agrees with the southern border crackdown, opposes ICE interior raids, and wants faster asylum decisions. His agriculture plank never mentions farm labor or H-2A, and he has said nothing on H-1B.

Illinois



ILLINOIS · 1 race on this ballot

IL-15 (U.S. House)

Mary Miller (R) did 68 · say 34

Jennifer Todd (D) say 33

no federal record

Mary Miller, incumbent. Bill tally: 35 restrict, 2 expand. Signed on to H.R. 8443 (End H-1B Visa Abuse Act of 2026), H.R. 8827 (ASSIMILATION Act), H.R. 2315 (Fairness for High-Skilled Americans Act of 2025) and H.R. 5722 (Preserving a Sharia-Free America Act). Backed 2 bills that would expand legal immigration, including H.R. 4726 (To terminate the COVID-19 vaccination requirement for aliens) and H.J.Res. 83 (disapproval of the "Circumvention of Lawful Pathways" rule).

Jennifer Todd. No federal record, so this score rests on public positions. Enforce the law with due process. She says people without legal status must follow the law, wants enforcement focused on dangerous criminals, and skipped the voter-guide questions about who should be allowed to immigrate. No commitment either way on legal levels.

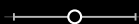
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MARYLAND · 1 race on this ballot

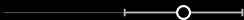
MD-1 (U.S. House)

Andy Harris (R) did 57 · say 11



Dan Schwartz (D) say 28

no federal record



Andy Harris, incumbent. Bill tally: 17 restrict, 3 expand. Signed on to H.R. 6940 (Mass Immigration Reduction Act of 2024), H.R. 7505 (American Worker Protection Act of 2024), H.R. 6211 (SAFE Act of 2023) and H.R. 4201 (TPS Reform Act of 2025). Wrote or backed 3 bills that would expand legal immigration, including H.R. 5494 (Essential Workers for Economic Advancement Act), H.R. 614 (Commercial Fishing and Seafood Business Act of 2023) and H.R. 7339 (For the relief of Dr. Yue-Cheng Yang).

Dan Schwartz. No federal record, so this score rests on public positions. Comprehensive reform: tougher border enforcement paired with pathways to citizenship for people already here, enforcement limited to people who committed crimes. Nothing on H-1B, and nothing on the H-2B seasonal visas his district's crab processors rely on.

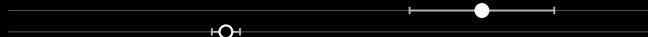
North Carolina



NORTH CAROLINA · 1 race on this ballot

NC-8 (U.S. House)

Mark Harris (R) did 74 · say 34



Colby Watson (D) say 29



Mark Harris, incumbent. Bill tally: 11 restrict, 0 expand. Signed on to H.R. 8443 (End H-1B Visa Abuse Act of 2026), H.R. 2705 (Nuclear Family Priority Act), H.R. 3725 (Preventing the Abuse of Immigration Parole Act) and H.R. 6987 (Public Charge Clarification Act of 2026). No bill in this record expands legal immigration.

Colby Watson. No federal record, so this score rests on public positions. Stop illegal immigration, make legal immigration faster and easier. He also wants employers punished for exploiting undocumented labor. The legal-immigration plank leans toward more access, but he names no visa category.

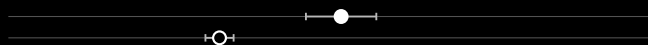
Ohio



OHIO · 3 races on this ballot

U.S. Senate (special)

Jon Husted (R) did 52 · say 33



Sherrod Brown (D) did 20 · say 43

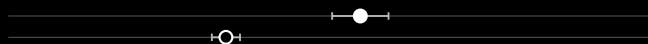


Jon Husted, incumbent. Bill tally: 2 restrict, 0 expand. Wrote S. 5638 (Protecting American Workers Through H-1B Modernization Act). No bill in this record expands legal immigration.

Sherrod Brown. Bill tally: 1 restrict, 3 expand. Signed on to S. 979 (H-1B and L-1 Visa Reform Act of 2023). Wrote or backed 3 bills that would expand legal immigration, including S. 1727 (SECURE Act), S. 3618 (Mauritania TPS Act of 2024) and S. 1263 (Filipino Veterans Family Reunification Act of 2023).

OH-6 (U.S. House)

Michael Rulli (R) did 55 · say 34



Elizabeth Kirtley (D) say 33

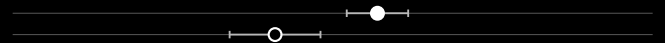


Michael Rulli, incumbent. Bill tally: 6 restrict, 0 expand. Signed on to H.R. 8827 (ASSIMILATION Act). No bill in this record expands legal immigration.

Elizabeth Kirtley. No federal record, so this score rests on public positions. Her lead issue is abolishing ICE and barring states from deputizing local police for it. Her platform says nothing about legal immigration levels, visas or DACA.

OH-8 (U.S. House)

Warren Davidson (R) did 57 · say 41



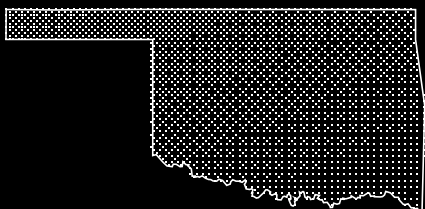
Vanessa Enoch (D) say 18



Warren Davidson, incumbent. Bill tally: 9 restrict, 1 expand. Signed on to H.R. 8827 (ASSIMILATION Act), H.R. 2315 (Fairness for High-Skilled Americans Act of 2025), H.R. 2705 (Nuclear Family Priority Act) and H.R. 1241 (SAFE for America Act of 2025). Backed one bill that would expand legal immigration: H.R. 4726 (To terminate the COVID-19 vaccination requirement for aliens).

Vanessa Enoch. No federal record, so this score rests on public positions. In earlier runs against Davidson she said she stands for legal immigration, backed DACA and opposed a border wall. Her 2026 platform dropped immigration entirely, so the score leans on those older positions.

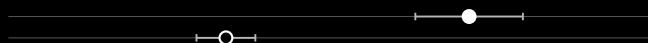
Oklahoma



OKLAHOMA · 1 race on this ballot

OK-2 (U.S. House)

Josh Brecheen (R) did 72 · say 34



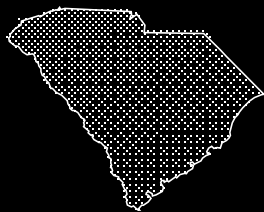
Brandon Wade (D) say 15



Josh Brecheen, incumbent. Bill tally: 29 restrict, 1 expand. Signed on to H.R. 6225 (PAUSE Act of 2025), H.R. 8827 (ASSIMILATION Act), H.R. 2315 (Fairness for High-Skilled Americans Act of 2025) and H.R. 5722 (Preserving a Sharia-Free America Act). Backed one bill that would expand legal immigration: H.R. 4726 (To terminate the COVID-19 vaccination requirement for aliens).

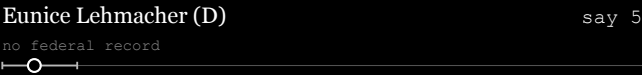
Brandon Wade. No federal record, so this score rests on public positions. A capacity overhaul: more agents and judges, work permits for people waiting on asylum or court dates steered to regions that need labor, and a faster path to citizenship. Work authorization for pending cases is the expansion signal.

South Carolina



SOUTH CAROLINA · 1 race on this ballot

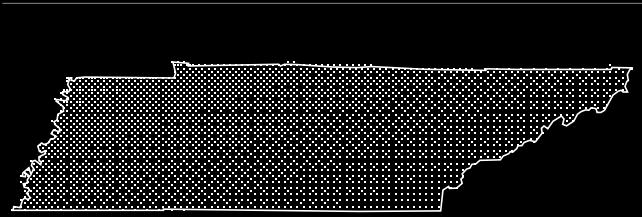
SC-3 (U.S. House)



Sheri Biggs, incumbent. Bill tally: 19 restrict, 0 expand. Signed on to H.R. 6225 (PAUSE Act of 2025), H.R. 8443 (End H-1B Visa Abuse Act of 2026), H.R. 2315 (Fairness for High-Skilled Americans Act of 2025) and H.R. 5722 (Preserving a Sharia-Free America Act). No bill in this record expands legal immigration.

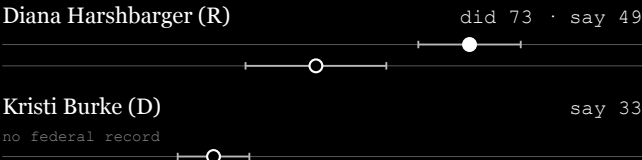
Eunice Lehmacher. No federal record, so this score rests on public positions. Wants legal immigration caps raised, pointing out they have not moved since 1990, and frames that as the fix for labor shortages. She also backs legal status for long-term residents and tighter control between ports of entry. As close to the 0% pole as anyone on this ballot gets.

Tennessee



TENNESSEE · 1 race on this ballot

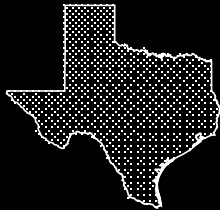
TN-1 (U.S. House)



Diana Harshbarger, incumbent. Bill tally: 15 restrict, 3 expand. Signed on to H.R. 6940 (Mass Immigration Reduction Act of 2024), H.R. 6225 (PAUSE Act of 2025), H.R. 8443 (End H-1B Visa Abuse Act of 2026) and H.R. 2315 (Fairness for High-Skilled Americans Act of 2025). Wrote or backed 3 bills that would expand legal immigration, including H.R. 4726 (To terminate the COVID-19 vaccination requirement for aliens), H.R. 5423 (For the relief of Uwe Romeike, Hannelore Romeike, Daniel Romeike, Lydia Romeike, Josua...) and H.J.Res. 83 (disapproval of the "Circumvention of Lawful Pathways" rule).

Kristi Burke. No federal record, so this score rests on public positions. A general humane-immigration plank against mass deportation and family separation. She opposes subsidies for companies that offshore jobs, but has said nothing about visas.

Texas



TEXAS · 7 races on this ballot

TX-3 (U.S. House)

Keith Self (R) did 75 · say 49



Evan Hunt (D) say 19



Keith Self, incumbent. Bill tally: 37 restrict, 0 expand. Signed on to H.R. 6225 (PAUSE Act of 2025), H.R. 8443 (End H-1B Visa Abuse Act of 2026), H.R. 8827 (ASSIMILATION Act) and H.R. 2315 (Fairness for High-Skilled Americans Act of 2025). No bill in this record expands legal immigration.

Evan Hunt. No federal record, so this score rests on public positions. His line is that coming illegally is too easy and coming legally is too hard. He wants legal immigration streamlined, a path for law-abiding immigrants, stronger border security, and deportation of undocumented criminals.

TX-4 (U.S. House)

Pat Fallon (R) did 53 · say 55



Jason Pearce (D) say 26

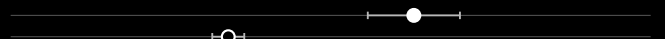


Pat Fallon, incumbent. Bill tally: 3 restrict, 0 expand. Signed on to H.R. 10643 (H-1B Visa Fraud Crackdown Act) and H.R. 3237 (No Student Visas for Sanctuary Cities Act of 2025). No bill in this record expands legal immigration.

Jason Pearce. No federal record, so this score rests on public positions. Opposes mass deportations and backs a path to citizenship for long-settled residents. His campaign says the specifics are still being written. Thin record.

TX-14 (U.S. House)

Randy Weber (R) did 63 · say 34



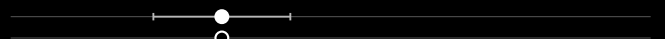
Thurman Bill Bartie (D) say 32

Randy Weber, incumbent. Bill tally: 26 restrict, 2 expand. Signed on to H.R. 6940 (Mass Immigration Reduction Act of 2024), H.R. 2315 (Fairness for High-Skilled Americans Act of 2025), H.R. 7505 (American Worker Protection Act of 2024) and H.R. 2705 (Nuclear Family Priority Act). Backed 2 bills that would expand legal immigration, including H.R. 4367 (Bracero Program 2.0 Act) and H.R. 2672 (Religious Workforce Protection Act).

Thurman Bill Bartie. No federal record, so this score rests on public positions. Pledges humane immigration reform and criticizes ICE deportation spending, with no specifics. Nothing on visas, and nothing immigration-related from his years as Port Arthur mayor.

TX-17 (U.S. House)

Pete Sessions (R) did 33 · say 33



Casey Shepard (D) say 6

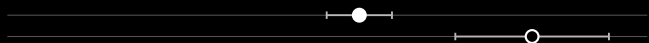


Pete Sessions, incumbent. Bill tally: 5 restrict, 4 expand. Signed on to H.R. 10643 (H-1B Visa Fraud Crackdown Act). Backed 4 bills that would expand legal immigration, including H.R. 9535 (Securing Agriculture's Workforce Act of 2026), H.R. 1053 (Filipino Veterans Family Reunification Act of 2025) and H.R. 6355 (Corporal Fernando Ruiz Baltazar Posthumous Citizenship Act of 2025).

Casey Shepard. No federal record, so this score rests on public positions. Wants immigration law changed so trained foreign medical and construction workers can work here legally. That is a direct call for more employment-based immigration, even without the words H-1B.

TX-24 (U.S. House)

Beth Van Duyne (R) did 55 · say 82



Kevin Burge (D) say 13
no federal record

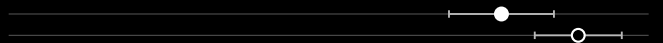


Beth Van Duyne, incumbent. Bill tally: 14 restrict, 1 expand. Wrote H.R. 10643 (H-1B Visa Fraud Crackdown Act). Also signed on to H.R. 5722 (Preserving a Sharia-Free America Act), H.R. 1241 (SAFE for America Act of 2025) and H.R. 9160 (No Safe Haven for Terrorist Families Act). Backed one bill that would expand legal immigration: H.R. 6542 (Immigration Visa Efficiency and Security Act of 2023).

Kevin Burge. No federal record, so this score rests on public positions. Pledges to expand and streamline legal pathways for workers and families and to protect Dreamers, alongside technology-based border security. He has also said he wants to revamp work visas without saying which way.

TX-26 (U.S. House)

Brandon Gill (R) did 77 · say 89



Steven Shook (D) say 20



Brandon Gill, incumbent. Bill tally: 34 restrict, 0 expand. Wrote H.R. 7359 (Somalia Immigration Moratorium Act). Also signed on to H.R. 6225 (PAUSE Act of 2025), H.R. 8443 (End H-1B Visa Abuse Act of 2026), H.R. 8827 (ASSIMILATION Act) and H.R. 2315 (Fairness for High-Skilled Americans Act of 2025). No bill in this record expands legal immigration.

Steven Shook. No federal record, so this score rests on public positions. Border, asylum and due process: a demilitarized but staffed border, protected asylum rights, and lawful pathways to citizenship. No position on work visas or levels.

TX-36 (U.S. House)

Brian Babin (R) did 65 · say 50



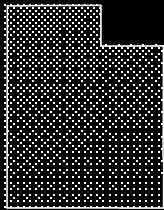
Rhonda Hart (D) say 31
no federal record



Brian Babin, incumbent. Bill tally: 25 restrict, 1 expand. Signed on to H.R. 8443 (End H-1B Visa Abuse Act of 2026), H.R. 8827 (ASSIMILATION Act), H.R. 2315 (Fairness for High-Skilled Americans Act of 2025) and H.R. 10643 (H-1B Visa Fraud Crackdown Act). Backed one bill that would expand legal immigration: H.J.Res. 83 (disapproval of the "Circumvention of Lawful Pathways" rule).

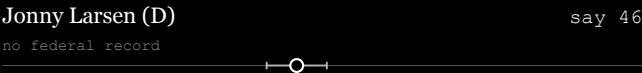
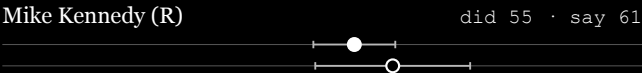
Rhonda Hart. No federal record, so this score rests on public positions. Strongly anti-ICE. She argues against deporting the immigrant workers who build homes in her district. Nothing on H-1B or legal levels.

Utah



UTAH · 1 race on this ballot

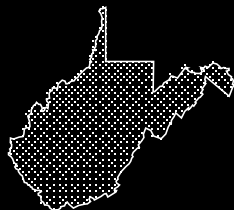
UT-4 (U.S. House)



Mike Kennedy, incumbent. Bill tally: 6 restrict, 1 expand. Wrote H.R. 8335 (PROTECT Act of 2026) and H.R. 6447 (CCP IP Act). Also signed on to H.R. 1241 (SAFE for America Act of 2025) and H.R. 3725 (Preventing the Abuse of Immigration Parole Act). Backed one bill that would expand legal immigration: H.R. 5494 (Essential Workers for Economic Advancement Act).

Jonny Larsen. No federal record, so this score rests on public positions. The only challenger on this ballot who has gone after work visas: he says corporations exploit visa programs to undercut American workers and drive down wages, and wants corporations held accountable. He pairs that with border security and workable pathways. The highest challenger score in the report.

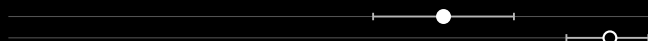
West Virginia



WEST VIRGINIA · 1 race on this ballot

WV-2 (U.S. House)

Riley Moore (R) did 68 · say 94



Ace Parsi (D) say 31



Riley Moore, incumbent. Bill tally: 15 restrict, 0 expand. Wrote H.R. 2147 (Stop CCP VISAs Act of 2025). Also signed on to H.R. 8443 (End H-1B Visa Abuse Act of 2026), H.R. 2315 (Fairness for High-Skilled Americans Act of 2025), H.R. 5722 (Preserving a Sharia-Free America Act) and H.R. 2705 (Nuclear Family Priority Act). No bill in this record expands legal immigration.

Ace Parsi. No federal record, so this score rests on public positions. An immigrant from Iran who defends Haitian TPS holders and wants new ICE money moved to local police. He also says the country needs limits on who it admits. Nothing on H-1B.

How the scores were built

The bill data comes from the Government Publishing Office's Bill Status bulk files for the 118th and 119th Congresses, current through October 8, 2026. I kept every House and Senate bill and joint resolution that a person in this report sponsored or cosponsored and that touches immigration: anything in the Immigration policy area, plus any bill whose title, summary, or text mentions H-1B, nonimmigrant visas, OPT, visas generally, or the Immigration and Nationality Act. Withdrawn cosponsorships are excluded.

Each of the 1,035 bills was then rated for what it would do to legal immigration numbers on a seven-point scale, from large expansion to severe restriction, and flagged if it touches employment-based visas. Where the Congressional Research Service had no summary yet, which is most 2025 and 2026 bills, the rating was made from the bill text itself. Disapproval resolutions were rated against the rule they would void.

The "did" score places each member's full bill record on a single question: does this record point toward ending H-1B immediately, or toward increasing legal immigration? **Writing a bill counts more than cosponsoring one, legal immigration and work visas count more than anything else, and border-only bills count for little.** The result is expressed as a percentage.

The "say" score asks the same question of a different record: public statements only, with the person's bills deliberately left out. Up to six

statements per person were collected from floor speeches, press releases, interviews, op-eds, campaign sites and posts, prioritizing H-1B and legal immigration over border talk, each with a link listed at the end. Nothing was found for George Santos, so he has no "say" score.

As a check, I computed a plain weighted average of each member's bill ratings, counting sponsored bills twice. It tracks the "did" score closely (correlation 0.93 across 56 members).

Limits

A cosponsorship is a signature, not a vote, and none of the H-1B restriction bills in this record ever got a committee or floor vote. Bills introduced after October 8, 2026 are not counted. A "say" score rests on what someone chose to say publicly, which is thinner and easier to soften than a bill. **A "say" near 33% usually means the person talks about the border and has said nothing findable about legal immigration,** so a big gap there is silence, not contradiction. Bill ratings were checked by hand on every employment-visa bill and every bill rated as an expansion. Every number here comes from the record as filed, and every bill named can be looked up by number at [congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov).

Off the ballot

Members with an H-1B record who will not be on a federal ballot on November 3.



OFF THE BALLOT, CONTINUED



Follow the work

This guide is one piece of a longer project on H-1B, offshoring and the people who write the rules. Here is where the rest of it lives.

Dr. J on YouTube

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Videos on labor, tech and the H-1B fight in Congress.

The newsletter

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Meridian Strategic Systems

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