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A FEDERAL PLAN TO ABOLISH ICE AND FIGHT FOR IMMIGRANT JUSTICE

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Immigrants are deeply woven into the fabric of the neighborhoods across New York's 7th Congressional District, from Dominicans and Poles to Ecuadorians, Mexicans, and Greeks, among many others. Antonio will be a fighter for all of them.

No matter where you come from, what you look like, or how you worship, everyone wants a better life for their family. But today, immigrants are being scapegoated, terrorized, and targeted by a federal administration attempting a mass deportation regime. And for too long, immigrant communities have been failed by a broken system that Congress has been unable to reform.

Antonio Reynoso knows that immigrant communities are not the cause of this country's crises, and he will fight back against ICE while also working towards long-term solutions that will ultimately address the root causes of these problems. The truth is that immigrants are among the first to feel the negative impacts of rising inequality. When corporations jack up rents, when hospitals become unaffordable, when wages stay low, when schools are overpoliced, and when politicians use fear to divide us, immigrant families are hit first and hardest.

By joining together we can build a country and a New York that advances freedom, safety and well-being for all families, no exceptions.

As the Trump administration exacts aggressive, relentless attacks on immigrants – it is incumbent upon Congress to fight back, hold the administration accountable and begin to repair and transform the system so that everyone in this country can live with respect and dignity. This includes a pathway to citizenship for the more than 11 million undocumented immigrants and an end to the ICE enforcement tactics that separate families and tear apart our communities. But it goes beyond that. The federal government must also take steps to include all immigrant communities in the safety net, protect immigrant workers and students and shelter immigrants during the housing crisis.

Antonio's immigration plan is grounded in the idea that our government should protect families, not terrorize them. Our tax dollars (including the billions that undocumented people pay each year) should go toward healthcare, housing, schools, and transit, not toward detention camps, surveillance contractors, and mass deportation.

Antonio Reynoso urges action on the following federal legislative and oversight items:

ABOLISH ICE AND END THE DEPORTATION MACHINE

ICE and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents have murdered immigrants and U.S. citizens alike, and dozens of migrants have died in their custody from neglect and abuse. ICE and CBP are plagued by a culture of violence and system-wide abuses. Popular opinion has shifted dramatically, with a majority of the country supporting the dismantling of ICE. Yet Congress has

appropriated billions of dollars more to go to ICE and CBP to profile, jail, and deport immigrants – and to serve as a private paramilitary for the US government.

Antonio believes the next Congress has a responsibility to hold ICE and CBP accountable – and build the case to abolish these agencies, starting now. The 2027 session is vitally important to begin to address the atrocities perpetuated by ICE and CBP and to call for their dismantling. **This includes:**

- Congressional oversight hearings on murders by ICE and CBP officers and politically motivated arrests to hold DHS accountable and understand the extent to which the Executive was involved in decisions to pursue politically motivated arrests;
- Oversight hearings into the expansion of private detention facilities, in particular the use of warehouses to become ICE jails and the violations of rights, environmental harms and health risks these prisons pose to the public and their detainees;
- Investigation into the rampant violations of the 4th amendment and racial profiling by ICE and CBP officers in the arrest, abduction and disappearance of residents;

Legislative priorities include:

- Our tax dollars need to be used to strengthen our families and communities, not to detain, deport and separate families. We urge Congress to cut the ICE/CBP budget, investigate immigration enforcement abuses and reform our system from a punishment-based approach to a compliance-based approach.
- End Cruel ICE Enforcement (the New Way Forward Act) HR 2374: Congress should pass the New Way Forward Act to dismantle the prison-to-deportation pipeline and repeal anti-immigrant laws that have fueled the criminalization, detention, and deportation of immigrants for decades. The New Way Forward Act repeals some of the worst provisions of the 1996 immigration laws that are directly responsible for expanding the incarceration of immigrants, creating a fast track for deportations without due process, setting the foundation for local police and ICE entanglement, and cementing the pipeline from arrest to deportation. It also rolls back harmful immigration laws that, for decades, have led to racial profiling and disproportionately resulted in the incarceration, deportation, and destruction of families of color and immigrant communities.

CUT CONTRACTS WITH PALANTIR AND OTHER BIG TECH SURVEILLANCE FIRMS

Palantir Technologies has maintained a long-standing, controversial partnership with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) since 2013, acting as a key technology provider for data integration and enforcement analytics. As of early 2026, this partnership has deepened, with Palantir developing new, AI-powered tools aimed at identifying, tracking, and deporting immigrants. This includes "ImmigrationOS," which funnels in different data sources, and

develops frictionless, fast, and automated tools for ICE to build cases against those they want to terrorize. ELITE, an app reportedly developed by Palantir, reportedly aids ICE in identifying which neighborhoods to target and who to detain and deport, without due process and in violation of our constitutional rights.

As the first order of business, Antonio is calling for Congress to investigate Palantir for their role in ICE's atrocities, as well as their role in allegedly building a database of U.S. citizens, AI-based weapons for the Pentagon that have powered lethal strikes in Iran, and their role in pushing AI data centers that drive up the cost of energy for working families across this country. Congress must subpoena Palantir and bring its executives in for a hearing to answer questions about their role in unconstitutional ICE raids, and the way their data analysis tools violate privacy protections.

A PATHWAY TO CITIZENSHIP NOW – UPDATE THE REGISTRY (HR 1511/S2606)

Millions of immigrants in the United States, and more than 800,000 in the state of New York lack a pathway to regularize their status and are at risk of deportation, permanent family separation and exploitation. Our federal government has been plagued by inaction and an increasingly anti-immigrant politics. One option to create a pathway for undocumented immigrants to gain a green card and then citizenship is by updating the registry. "Registry" is a provision of law that enables individuals, including undocumented immigrants, and who pass background checks to apply for green cards if they have continuously resided in the United States since before January 1, 1972. The "registry date" was last updated in 1986 by Ronald Reagan.

Antonio believes that a successful legalization program for the undocumented population must be attainable, affordable, expedient, unifying, and equitable. The "Renewing Immigration Provisions of the Immigration Act of 1929" (HR 4696) provides an opportunity to help approximately 8 million immigrants obtain permanent legal status while also satisfying these core principles. To that end, updating the "Registry," which would make green cards available to longtime residents, can help realize this goal.

RESTORE AND STRENGTHEN ASYLUM

The Trump administration has gutted our country's asylum system by terminating the right to seek asylum for migrants from more than 40 countries and upending the standards upon which the courts have assessed claims for asylum for generations. Asylum – welcoming those who flee persecution and harm because of their political or religious beliefs or their identity – is a bedrock principle upon which our nation was founded. Antonio will fight to restore and strengthen our asylum system through solutions that allow migrants fleeing for safety to obtain relief in a safe and orderly fashion by modernizing the asylum system and allowing for individuals seeking relief to do so from multiple locations, not just the U.S. border.

JUSTICE FOR LGBTQIA & TGNCIQ IMMIGRANTS

The Trump administration has caused severe harm to LGBTQIA+ and TGNCIQ migrants, many of whom fled their home countries because of violence and rampant discrimination. LGBTQIA+ and TGNCIQ immigrants face isolation, disproportionate levels of poverty and the threat of homophobic violence on a daily basis. In nearly 70 countries it is a crime to be LGBTQ. The U.S. – and New York City – must be a welcoming place for asylum seekers and refugees fleeing persecution. But the Trump Administration's actions have gutted protections for these immigrants through a series of dangerous and unlawful policies that severely limit them from qualifying for asylum or accessing other critical benefits and protections. Antonio will fight to restore asylum for LGBTQIA+ and TGNCIQ migrants and protect their rights to migrate safely to the United States.

EXPAND ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE

While New York has expanded access to health care to millions of immigrants, there are still considerable gaps in coverage. The federal government can help expand access to health care by removing restrictions on immigrants which will improve the health and safety of its residents and decrease costly emergency room visits.

- **End Exclusions of Immigrants from Public Health Insurance and the Affordable Care Act:** Congress must end deliberate and cruel exclusions of immigrants from Medicaid, Medicare and the Affordable Care Act by removing the five-year bar under the 1996 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) for lawfully residing immigrants and lifting additional exclusions of undocumented immigrants from obtaining Medicaid or purchasing insurance on state exchanges through the Affordable Care Act.
- **Pass the Medicare for All Act:** the Medicare for All Act (S.1506 and H.R.3069) would provide comprehensive benefits and freedom of choice of doctors and hospitals for everyone residing in the United States, regardless of immigration status, no private insurance premiums, co-pays, or deductibles, long-term services and supports for people with disabilities and older Americans, reduction of health care spending while improving care, reduction of the costs of prescription drugs, healthcare for veterans and Native Americans and a just transition for workers.

STOP EXPLOITATION OF IMMIGRANT WORKERS

Pass the PRO Act: As wealth becomes even more highly concentrated among a handful of uber wealthy CEOs and corporations and unionization rates fall to historic lows, workers need a voice and opportunity to build power on the job to rectify the worst income inequality in generations. H. R. 2474 would make significant changes to the NLRA to protect workers' rights to organize and help rebuild an economy where all can thrive.

PROTECT IMMIGRANT STUDENTS

In New York, immigrant students and low income students of color attend schools with excessive, highly-paid guard forces but inadequate support staff. Over policing in schools results in racially disparate outcomes and creates a school to prison and/or deportation pipeline in New York, with Black and Brown students bearing the brunt of overpolicing. Antonio will advocate in Congress to take the following steps to help remedy these dangerous disparities:

- Repeal the '94 Crime Bill and close the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program: this program funds school resource officers (SROs) - placing law enforcement in schools makes it more likely that students of color will be arrested for low-level offenses.
- Pass the Counseling Not Criminalization in Schools Act (Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) and Rep. Ayanna Pressley (D-Mass.)): the Act ENDS federal funding for police in schools and starts a \$5 BILLION grant program for schools to invest in positive supports like restorative practices, credible messengers, counselors and more.

HOUSING JUSTICE AND A HOME TO THRIVE

Thousands of families face an out-of-control housing affordability crisis in New York City. It is past time that we address the federal government's history of institutionalized bias and the racist and corporate roots of our housing system. Through decades of redlining, federal agencies enabled banks to deny people of color loans and financing, perpetuating disinvestment and a shortage of residential units in communities of color. Analysis done by Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies, showed that Corporate landlords have increased their holdings over properties of every size: institutional investors now own 62% of multifamily rental properties (up from 35 percent in 2001) and a majority of all rental units.

These racist roots lead to immigrant and undocumented families being excluded from accessing relief they desperately need. When asked about paying rent, 77% of immigrant workers said they were worried about paying for the next month. In Congress, Antonio will take steps to protect families across the country by passing :

- A federal universal rent control bill with tenant protections included. We propose a cap on annual increases of rents for residential units and manufactured housing lots of 3 percent or inflation (CPI-U), whichever is greater. This cap should apply to all charges imposed on renters, including arbitrary fees and penalties. Under our current system families who never missed a rent payment may be forced to leave home, subject to the whims of a landlord who may be seeking higher rent, or a new owner seeking to renovate.
- Universal just cause eviction protections must be passed to protect renters. If a landlord chooses to pursue eviction we must provide renters with professional legal counsel to ensure their rights are protected.

ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSES OF MIGRATION: END CONFLICTS AND WARS THAT DISPLACE PEOPLE AND DESTABILIZE NATIONS

Immigration to the United States is deeply linked to our country's foreign policy. Climate change, geopolitics, war, and an economic agenda that centers profit over workers all contribute to destabilization around the world that causes migration. Without addressing these root causes we will continue to face crisis after crisis.

At the minimum, the current Administration's interventionist policies and foreign wars must end immediately. Too often, people are forced to migrate to escape violence and wars that are preventable.

Antonio supports other relevant policies that would also address root causes of migration including legislation to address climate change and end unjust trade policies.