



# H.R. 3020: Border Enforcement Accountability, Oversight, and Community Engagement Act

## Legislation Summary

H.R. 3020 is a bi-partisan, multi-layered approach for ethical policies that respect the rights of border communities and migrants, and allow Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) personnel to carry out their roles with integrity and expertise. The legislation would:

### Ensure Community Engagement

- **Establishes an independent Border Oversight Commission** with representation from the northern and southern borders and CBP. The commission would evaluate and make recommendations on border enforcement strategies that increase the safety of CBP field personnel, reduce migrant deaths, and protect due process, civil rights, and private property.
- **Creates an Ombudsman for Border and Immigration Related Concerns** to identify areas of concern and institute a uniform complaint process. **Establishes Border Community Liaison Offices** to foster trust between CBP agents and community members.

### Increase Training and Resources for CBP personnel

- **Increases training and continuing education for agents and officers**, with an emphasis on non-lethal enforcement and protection of human rights and civil liberties.

### Provide Reporting and Oversight for Border Enforcement

- **Requires the Department of Homeland Security to report on management practices** at ports of entry, including an assessment on staffing, transit delays, technologies' effect on trade and civil liberties, economic impacts, and infrastructure needs.
- **Commissions studies from the Department of Homeland Security and the Government Accountability Office** on tracking and measures to reduce the number of migrant deaths at the border.
- **Instructs the Government Accountability Office to report on Customs and Border Protection and the Department of Homeland Security's use of force policy**, assessing new training tactics, best practices, and recommendations to the Secretary for further implementation.

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