

Senator Jeff Sessions
Questions for the Record
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1. *If S. 744 were to become law, do you believe that the Department of Homeland Security would deport those who enter the country illegally or overstay their visas after the bill's enactment?*

I do not see anything in the bill that would prohibit DHS from removing those not eligible for relief. The Department has broken all previous records when it comes to number of removals. If history predicts the future, it would appear that the Department would continue to remove people after enactment as they have before, and the bill would provide even more resources to do so.

2. *If S. 744 were to become law, how many total new immigrants, including those currently here illegally who would be granted some form of legal status and those who would be admitted to the country under all categories of chain migration, would be added to the United States over a ten-year period following the date of enactment and over a fifteen-year period following the date of enactment?*

The bill goes a long way towards providing a comprehensive solution, but will inevitably leave many immigrants out of the picture. Not everyone who wants to immigrate to the United States will have a path under the bill, but the bill does a reasonable job of identifying and providing a legal option for people who our economy and our values say we should let in. It could do better on family values, but it is a strong step forward regarding our economic needs. The number is unclear, but it's not the number that is important. What matters is that fairness and workability are built into the system.