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For generations, individuals from around the world have come to America in pursuit of a more prosperous life. As a border-state senator and son of an immigrant, I have a deep and personal appreciation for the vast benefits of legal immigration and the dangers of a porous border.

Few doubt that our current immigration policies are not working. And despite repeated promises and commitments, our nation’s border is still not secure.

We can and should improve the process by which people can come legally to America. We should minimize the burdens of dealing with the immigration bureaucracy, and we should continue to call out to the world, “give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.”

At the same time, Washington must make good on its decades-old promise to secure our borders once and for all.

Modernizing legal immigration and securing our borders will not only benefit our economy, these actions respect the sacrifice of past immigrants who came to America lawfully and will ensure that we remain a beacon of hope and opportunity to the world.