

# Texas Compact on Immigration



**FEBRUARY 2019** As signers of the Texas Compact on Immigration, we are committed to promoting common-sense immigration reforms that strengthen our economy and attract talent and business to our state.

We recognize the critical role immigration plays in driving economic growth, and therefore support bipartisan immigration solutions that ensure our federal system meets the needs of our labor market; find a solution for undocumented Texans who make vital contributions to our state's economy; secure the border; and enforce our nation's laws. We also support statewide policies that recognize the myriad economic contributions immigrants make as workers, students, taxpayers, and consumers. Texas' immigration policies must reaffirm our global reputation as a welcoming and business-friendly state.

We urge state leaders and our congressional delegation to adopt these three principles of the Texas Compact on Immigration to guide the immigration discussion in our state.

- 1. FEDERAL SOLUTIONS FOR OUR ECONOMY:** To be truly competitive, Texas requires a federal immigration system that attracts global talent and investment and creates jobs in our state. We urge the Texas congressional delegation to support reforms to our legal immigration system that provide for enough legal workers across the skills spectrum to meet employer needs. Any such solution must protect our national borders through new enforcement technology, while also creating a pathway to legal status or citizenship for the roughly 1.8 million undocumented immigrants in the state who contribute \$1 billion in state and local taxes, and, in particular, Texas Dreamers and TPS holders.
- 2. IN-STATE TUITION:** Texas has a long and proud tradition of embracing immigrants and leading the country in bipartisan, common-sense immigration policies. We urge state leaders to protect tuition equity and continue to offer in-state tuition to all Texas high school graduates who want to continue their education and contribute their talents to our vibrant Texas economy.
- 3. COMPETITIVE COMMUNITIES:** We understand the communities that grow and attract talent are the ones who are welcoming to all. We support local policies that ensure all residents have the tools and opportunities they need to succeed.

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Austin Tech Alliance (ATA)

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| Austin Technology Council                    | Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce    | North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce          |
| Azarmehr Law Group (ALG)                     | Greater Dallas Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce   | North Texas Commission                         |
| Ballinger Chamber of Commerce                | Greater Houston Partnership (GHP)              | Pantote Solutions LLC                          |
| Barshop Ventures, LLC                        | Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce | The Perryman Group                             |
| Brazoria County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce | GSD&M                                          | Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.                    |
| Bestway Oilfield, Inc.                       | Hendler Flores Law, PLLC                       | Plano Chamber of Commerce                      |
| The Borderplex Alliance                      | HMS Holdings Corp.                             | PMCA Partners                                  |
| Bukstein Legal Services                      | Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce           | Pottsboro Area Chamber of Commerce             |
| Capital Factory                              | IBC Bank                                       | PTG                                            |
| Chamberlin Roofing and Waterproofing         | Irving Hispanic Chamber of Commerce            | RGV Hispanic Chamber of Commerce               |
| Coachieve, LLC                               | Kamal Law Firm, PLLC                           | Rising Leadership Foundation                   |
| Community Health Choice                      | Kiley Literary Legacies, LLC                   | Rio City Land Development LLC                  |
| Conn's HomePlus                              | Landscape Art                                  | San Antonio Chamber of Commerce                |
| Corridor Title, LLC                          | Lawn Management Company, Inc (LMC)             | San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce       |
| Cross Culture Communications                 | Legacy Community Health                        | SOAL Technologies                              |
| Dallas Regional Chamber                      | Longview Chamber of Commerce                   | South Padre Island Chamber of Commerce         |
| El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce         | MAJORITY                                       | TAS Commercial Concrete                        |
| ETSZONE                                      | Manchester Living                              | TechNet                                        |
| Financial Casualty & Surety, Inc             | MAREK                                          | Tech Titans                                    |
| Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce                | McAllen Chamber of Commerce                    | Texans for Sensible Immigration Policy (TxSIP) |
| Foster LLP                                   | Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce           | Texas Association of Business (TAB)            |
| Fry Roofing                                  | Molex                                          | Texas Association of Dairymen                  |
| Globe Products Co.                           | Monty & Ramirez LLP                            | Texas Business Leadership Council (TBLC)       |
| Greater Austin Asian Chamber of Commerce     | Myron Steves                                   | Texas Cotton Ginners' Association              |
| Greater Austin Black Chamber of Commerce     | North Dallas Chamber of Commerce               | Texas International Produce Association        |
| Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  |                                                |                                                |

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**Texas Shrimp Association**

**Tricolor Auto Group**

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