

FY2012 Homeland Security Spending Bill Amendment

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The notion that we, as a nation, shouldn't fund programs like immigrant integration grants flies in the face of what our country is all about. These new Americans, all of who came here legally, are not looking for an easy ride; they're simply looking for the chance to learn English, learn about the history of their new home, and integrate into the fabric of America. I congratulate my colleagues in the House for recognizing this, for removing language that targets these important grants, and for allowing the Appropriations Committee to consider reprogramming funds to support immigrant integration. As the President's budget recommends, immigrant integration grants should continue to have a direct appropriations source, and this amendment is one step closer to restoring that practice. □ □ □