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Block Senator Reid's Strategy to Pass Amnesty
Sign the "No Conference" Letter to Speaker Boehner

Dear Colleague:

I urge you to help block Senator Reid's strategy to use narrowly-focused border control or immigration-related bills from the House as vehicles to conference a Senate amnesty bill.

Senator Harry Reid: "If we go to conference, we would win."

Senator Chuck Schumer: "the end game strategy is to get a conference with the Senate (comprehensive) bill by having the House pass a group of bills."

If a bill goes to conference with one issue committed by the House and many issues committed by the Senate, the only question with respect to the non-House issues is whether and how much of the Senate position to adopt.

I invite you to sign the "No Conference" letter to Speaker Boehner, requesting he not bring up any immigration-related bills without a commitment that the House will not conference narrowly-focused House bills with a comprehensive or multi-issue bill from the Senate.

To sign the letter to help block the Senate's amnesty strategy, please contact Art Harman in my office at 5-1555 or art.harman@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Steve Stockman
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September 18, 2013

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

"If we go to conference, we would win."

That's Senator Harry Reid's assessment of the Democrats' strategy to take one or more Republican bills related to border security or immigration and seek to win in a conference committee.

Senator Chuck Schumer amplified upon the strategy; "the end game strategy is to get a conference with the Senate (comprehensive) bill by having the House pass a group of bills."

The House conferees would, according to Reid's and Schumer's strategy, agree to conference the Senate's bill; resulting in the President signing a bill to award amnesty to millions of illegals.

Beyond Schumer's belief he can get House Republicans into a conference, there is a serious parliamentary problem in agreeing to conference the bill.

According to the rules, if a bill goes to conference with one issue committed by the House and many issues committed by the Senate, the only question with respect to the non-House issues is whether and how much of the Senate position to adopt. The House goes to conference with no position on any of those questions.

House Republicans must avoid any actions which could undermine the House's intention on passing narrowly-focused immigration-related bills.

Therefore, we respectfully ask that you not bring up any immigration-related bills without a commitment that the House will not conference House bills on immigration-related issues with a comprehensive or multi-issue bill from the Senate.

Thank you very much for considering our views on this critical issue.

Sincerely,