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Now that the House has returned from its annual August recess, Congress's agenda this September revolves around passing the remaining appropriations bills to fund our government. However, I believe it's also important we continue the discussion over the future of immigration policy.

My principles to fix our broken immigration system have not changed.

Securing our borders and protecting American families comes first.

To secure the border we must provide funding for the construction of a border wall, implement a biometric entry-exit system, and increase the amount of border patrol agents. It's also critical to make sure our law enforcement personnel have the support and resources needed to get their job done, whether that's stopping the flow of illicit drugs or putting an end to human trafficking.

We have laws on the books—we must enforce them. Rewarding those who have broken our laws and cut in line is not the answer. However, it's important we find a solution for DACA recipients who were brought here through no fault of their own.

We must also rethink our legal immigration system. Current rules incentivize illegal behavior and don't prioritize the needs of America's economy. Ending chain migration, implementing e-verify, and eliminating the visa-lottery system are also smart reforms we need to consider.

It's simple, our immigration policy should put Americans first. We are a compassionate nation made up of immigrants and a prosperous nation due to the rule of law. I believe we don't have to choose one or the other.

It's an honor to serve you and Virginia's First District in the People's House.

Sincerely,

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