

U.S. President Donald Trump Hails Bill to Drastically Cut Legal Immigration



Washington, August 3 (RHC)-- U.S. President Donald Trump on Wednesday embraced a proposal to slash the number of immigrants allowed into the United States by half, in what would be the biggest overhaul of immigration law in over half a century.

The RAISE Act, or Reforming American Immigration for Strong Employment, would create a so-called merit-based immigration system that would favor applicants who speak English, have advanced degrees or can demonstrate job skills.

The proposed legislation would dramatically limit the number of immigrants allowed into the U.S. to reunite with family members. The plan was blasted by Democratic lawmakers and opposed by some Republicans, including Sen. Lindsey Graham, who said it would hurt agriculture, tourism and service industries.

The Anne Frank Center for Mutual Respect tweeted: "The Statue of Liberty weeps as she watches Trump flush America's moral leadership down the toilet."

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