

# THE SO-CALLED “SAFE” ACT: THE BAD, THE WORSE, & THE UGLY

## 11 DISTURBING FACTS ABOUT THE SAFE ACT

The SAFE Act was introduced in June 2013 by the House of Representatives’ Immigration Subcommittee Chairman Trey Gowdy (R-SC) with the support of the House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA). If enacted, the SAFE Act’s single-minded focus on immigration enforcement will increase in detentions and deportations, and create an environment of rampant racial profiling and unconstitutional detentions without fixing the immigration system’s problems. Below is a summary of key sections of the SAFE Act.

- 1. THE SAFE ACT WOULD GRANT STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT THE POWER TO IDENTIFY, ARREST AND DETAIN IMMIGRANTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY.**
- 2. THE SAFE ACT WOULD REQUIRE STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO SHARE PERSONAL INFORMATION ABOUT MANY IMMIGRANTS THEY STOP WITH DHS.**
- 3. THE SAFE ACT WOULD MAKE IT A FEDERAL CRIME TO BE UNDOCUMENTED & TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE.**
- 4. UNDER THE SAFE ACT, MANY MORE IMMIGRANTS, INCLUDING THOSE WITH GREEN CARDS, COULD BE DEPORTED WITHOUT AN IMMIGRANT JUDGE BEING PERMITTED TO CONSIDER THE INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF THEIR CASE.**
- 5. THE SAFE ACT WOULD ALLOW STATES TO CREATE THEIR OWN CRIMINAL AND CIVIL PENALTIES FOR IMMIGRATION VIOLATIONS.**
- 6. THE SAFE ACT WOULD EXPAND THE POWER OF DHS OFFICERS TO ACT WITHOUT A WARRANT & INCREASE ICE OFFICERS’ POWER TO START REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS DIRECTLY IN THE FIELD.**
- 7. THE SAFE ACT WOULD CRIMINALIZE IMMIGRANTS BY MAKING ANYONE WHO IS UNDOCUMENTED AND HAS ESTABLISHED THEIR LIFE IN THE U.S. VULNERABLE TO FEDERAL CRIMINAL PROSECUTION AND JAIL TIME IN FEDERAL PRISON.**
- 8. THE SAFE ACT WOULD AUTHORIZE THE INDEFINITE DETENTION OF PEOPLE WITH REMOVAL ORDERS WHO CAN’T BE DEPORTED.**
- 9. THE SAFE ACT WOULD DRAMATICALLY EXPAND DETENTION AND ESTABLISH WEAKER DETENTION STANDARDS THAT FAIL TO PROTECT DETAINEES.**
- 10. THE SAFE ACT WOULD EXPAND MANDATORY DETENTION PROVISIONS TO INCLUDE MANY NEW CATEGORIES OF IMMIGRANTS.**
- 11. THE SAFE ACT WOULD ELIMINATE DACA.**