



I am pleased to share with you the American Business Immigration Coalition's 2021 Annual Report, which outlines ABIC's important work and achievements toward sensible immigration solutions that grow jobs, strengthen our economy, and keep families together.

The growth of the American economy has become dependent on the immigrant workforce. Indeed, 90% of our workforce growth since 1990 has come from immigration, a trend that is expected to continue for at least the next 20 years. How these workers are employed, therefore, will have important implications for American economic health, as well as for national unity, social stability, and our shared prosperity.

In 2021, ABIC was the only national immigration organization to meet face-to-face with 41 Republican Senators, 11 moderate Democratic Senators, Democratic leaders in the US House, and members of the White House Administration. By engaging our membership of 1200+ business leaders, ABIC hosted 72 bipartisan grassroots events, generating more than 4 billion media impressions.

ABIC has expanded its network and now operates in 19 red and purple states. To support our work across this network and in Washington, our budget has grown from \$2 to \$4 million annually. Our work has also expanded to include small business recovery and rural agricultural outreach.

If this past year taught us anything, it's that ABIC's unique bipartisan approach is more needed now than ever before. With your continued support, ABIC's is poised to achieve legal status for the 11 million undocumented immigrants, who have lived and worked in the United States on average for 20 years, bring order to the border, and advance a legal immigration system for a 21st century economy.

While our work ahead is complex, we are more prepared and energized than ever. Thank you for your interest in ABIC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rebecca Shi'.

Rebecca Shi  
Executive Director  
American Business Immigration Coalition





## *2021 Annual Report*

*ABIC.us*

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## Share Our Commitment to the Future of Our Country.

*Together, we will advance sensible  
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## ABIC Changed the Narrative on Immigration.

*In 2021, ABIC generated more than 4+ billion media impressions in more than 1,100 outlets including New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, NPR, and all major national and local press networks.*

**1,110+**  
Media Outlets

**4 Billion+**  
Audience Reach

 **NBC NEWS**

Venezuelan groups call on Florida  
Republican senators to back bill on  
citizenship

**DAILY NEWS**

The Haitians who deserve to stay:  
Give TPS holders a path to citizenship

**The Miami Herald**

Opinion: Republicans are squandering  
billions by not giving immigrants  
a pathway to citizenship

**THE  
HILL**

Congress must pass immigration  
reform to ease America's labor  
shortage

**The Washington Post**

**Opinion:** Voters are demanding  
immigration solutions. We must  
provide them.

**CHICAGO SUN-TIMES**

Coalition of Midwest business  
leaders pushes for immigration  
reform

**THE SUN**

Rebecca Shi: The resilience of immigrants  
is rebuilding America



## Our New Website!

*This year, ABIC also launched its new website!  
Check it out at [www.abic.us](http://www.abic.us)!*

### Our Board



**John Rowe**

Chairman Emeritus  
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Board Chair  
ABIC Co-Founder and Board  
Chair



**Sam Scott**

Former Chairman,  
Ingredion Incorporated  
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**Carole Segal\***

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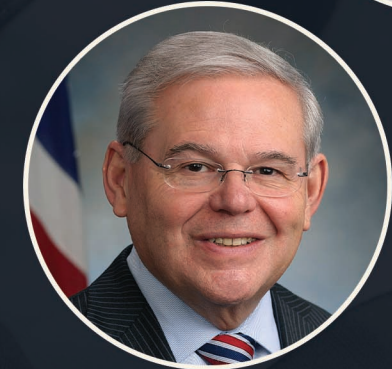
*“Undocumented immigrants are already  
contributing to our economy. Providing  
permanence and getting them on a path to  
citizenship would unleash their economic  
potential and ease our nation’s acute labor  
shortage.”*

**GRIS BAILEY,**  
PRESIDENT AND CEO, LATIN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,  
CHARLOTTE



## ABIC Advanced Bipartisanship.

*ABIC worked hard and productively with our partners to meet with, listen to, and advocate with republican senators, moderate democratic senators, and the White House. ABIC created public platforms for republican and democratic elected officials from Texas to Maine, from Idaho to Florida to support bipartisan immigration reform that is economically important, morally right, and politically smart.*

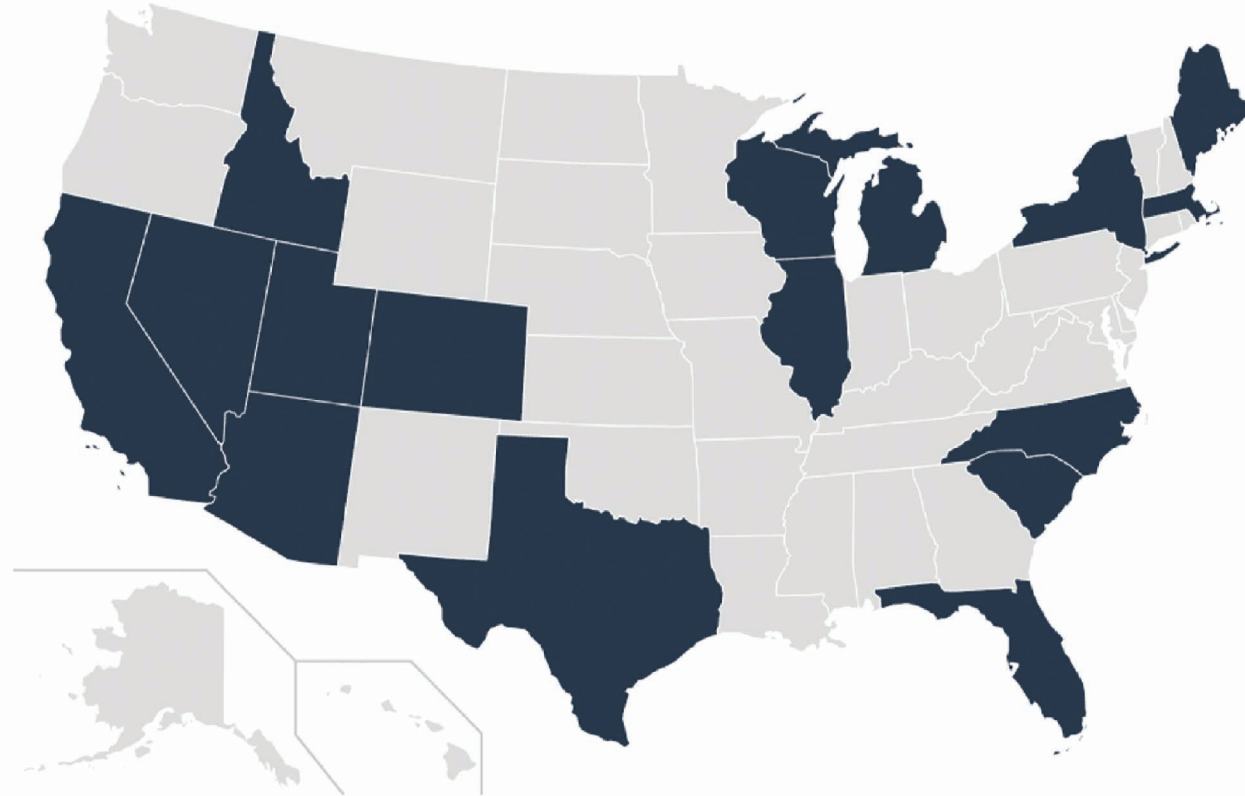


*ABIC CEO members and donors met face-to-face with 41 republican senators directly.*

*ABIC organized 72 bipartisan virtual and in-person events with Members of Congress, well-known business leaders, agricultural employers, small businesses, and members of the donor class.*

*ABIC met with 12 moderate democratic senators, democratic leadership, house leadership of both parties, and with the White House.*





## Organizing Across the Country

*This critical work is being carried out by ABIC in 16 states where we have active membership: Arizona, California, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, and Wisconsin. Among our members are 1,200 CEOs, retired CEOs, donor class, small businesses, chambers, and associations.*

### ARIZONA

*Together with our partner Alianto, put in-state tuition for Dreamers on the 2022 ballot with a Republican legislature and Republican Governor.*

### ILLINOIS

*Passed HB-2790 making Cook County the nation's largest municipality providing free legal counsel to detained immigrants.*

### TEXAS

*Stopped repeal of in-state tuition for undocumented students.*

### NATIONAL

*Led the expansion of stimulus checks for mixed status families under President Biden after passing the bill under President Trump.*



## ABIC Saved Black, Latino- and Immigrant-Owned Business.

*ABIC directly assisted 219 small businesses and growers to receive over \$8.1 million in PPP loans, with an average amount of \$37,000. During the second round of PPP, ABIC directly assisted 237 businesses to receive more than \$1.4 million in PPP loans, with an average amount of \$6,000.*

*Together with our partner Center for Responsible Lending, ABIC secured \$100 million for Small Business Community Navigators funding through the SBA and expansion of PPP loans for ITIN entrepreneurs.*



## Illinois Back 2 Business

*Illinois selected ABIC to be the lead HUB in its community navigator program. This gives minority and immigrant business owners a technical assistance partner in accessing financial support.*

**13 HUBS AND 100+ SPOKES**  
**25,914 BUSINESS VISITS**  
**35,547 PHONE CALLS**  
**40,437 WEBINAR REGISTRATIONS**  
**7,430 1-1 SESSIONS**  
**\$250 million in grant disbursements**



# The Road Ahead in 2022

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*2022 promises to be ABIC's most impactful year yet in the fight for immigration solutions.*

## Expand State and Regional Advocacy

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*ABIC will expand its work in key battleground states and regions including Florida, the Midwest, Arizona, the Intermountain Region, the Carolinas, Texas, Wisconsin, and the Northeast.*

- *Arizona: Ballot Initiative to win in-state tuition for Dreamers*
- *North and South Carolina: Legislation granting professional licenses to Dreamers, refugees, and immigrants*
- *Georgia: Pass in-state tuition for Dreamers*
- *Florida: Repeal anti-immigrant measures and launch accountability campaign*



## Strengthen ABIC's Bipartisan Advantage

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*ABIC will grow its winning bipartisan network of retired CEOs, farmers, business owners, trade associations, chambers, former and current state and local republican and democratic officials, working in partnership with immigrant advocates and labor.*

## Grow our Community Navigator Model

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*ABIC will grow its small business Community Navigator Technical Assistance Model originated in Illinois and expand into two new states: Florida and North Carolina.*

## National Capacity Building

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*In addition to our plan for state and regional growth, ABIC will invest in key roles and resources to build our capacity as a growing organization, including in fundraising, communications and operations.*



## ABIC Board of Directors

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