

Expanding Work Authorization Opportunities in North Texas



How are North Texans affected by the immigration system?

- There were over **900,000 non-farm job openings** in Texas in December 2023.
- Texas has **80 available workers** for every 100 open jobs.
- **575,000** long-term undocumented immigrants live in North Texas, including **45,000 married to U.S. citizens**.
- **90%** of North Texas's undocumented population is **Mexican or Central American**.

How does humanitarian parole address the our workforce and immigration challenges?

- Humanitarian parole is **legal entry** into the United States.
- **U.S. President** can parole immigrants for:
 - Urgent humanitarian reasons
 - Significant public benefit

How has President Biden used parole?

- Since August 2021, President Biden has paroled or designated Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for **over 1.1 million** immigrants.
- Majority (**67% = 7.3 million**) of undocumented immigrants in the U.S. are **Mexican or Central American**.

What are we asking President Biden to do?

1. **Expand parole** for:
 - a. Long-term undocumented immigrants
 - b. Undocumented spouses married to U.S. citizens
 - c. Undocumented Dreamers without Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)



Research on Support for Immigration Reform

Findings From a Survey of 400 likely voters across AZ, GA, MI, NC, NV, PA, WI
+ Oversamples of N = 100 white swing voters and N = 200 Mexican American likely voters (swing states) +
Oversample of N = 100 citizens from mixed-status list (nationwide)

December 2023

What do voters think about expanding work authorization?

- **66%** of voters support work permits for long-term contributors, with only 25% opposed
- **48%** would be more likely to vote for a candidate who supports this proposal
- **27%** of voters would not change their mind on who to vote for
- **89%** of Mexican American voters support the policy

Why do voters agree with expanding work authorization?

- American voters distinguish between the border and long-term undocumented immigrants
- Voters understand that there is a workforce shortage
- They don't like exploitation of undocumented workers
- Voters are also shocked when they discover that marriage to a U.S. citizen doesn't lead to a Green Card (Permanent Resident Card)

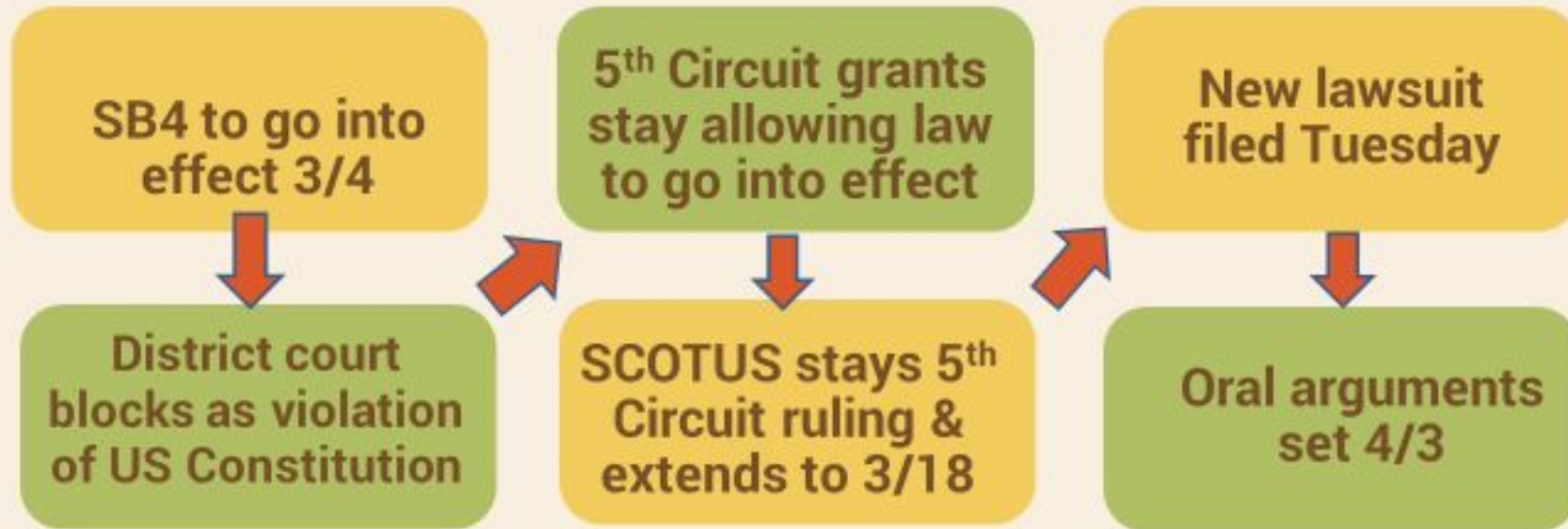
Call to Action

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- 2) Ask your local elected official to sign a letter to President Biden



Status of SB4 Legal Challenge

SB4: Allows law enforcement to arrest anyone they suspect of being in Texas without authorization, allows local judges to order a migrant to return to Mexico, regardless of nationality.



What's next?



Q&A

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