

Senator Jeff Sessions
Questions for the Record
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1. If S. 744 were to become law, do you believe that the Department of Homeland Security would deport those who enter the country illegally or overstay their visas after the bill's enactment?

In testimony last week before the Judiciary Committee, Janet Napolitano, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security noted that this legislation will strengthen both national security and border security by helping to better identify individuals who are physically present in the U.S. Our understanding of the bill is that it does not change the current policy or practice of the Department of Homeland Security with respect to removal proceedings.

2. If S. 744 were to become law, how many total new immigrants, including those currently here illegally who would be granted some form of legal status and those who would be admitted to the country under all categories of chain migration, would be added to the United States over a ten-year period following the date of enactment and over a fifteen-year period following the date of enactment?

Respectfully, Microsoft is not in a position to provide a qualified answer to these specific questions. We believe U.S. government officials are in the best position to provide an estimate on the future flow of immigrants under S. 744.