

**NEBRASKA TAXPAYERS FOR FREEDOM ISSUE PAPER:
REMOVE ILLEGAL ALIENS FROM THE CENSUS.**

BACKGROUND. President Trump is leading the charge to change federal law, so that illegal aliens and other non-citizens can no longer become counted in our national census. One of the major reasons that the Socialist Democrat Party wants to allow unimpeded illegal immigration into our country is to flood our congressional districts with these immigrants, who normally vote Democrat. This tidal wave, coming from socialist countries, then would offer Democrat candidates more opportunity to win federal, state, and local elections, because currently, the census to determine congressional representation includes all populations. Now, a brave conservative congressman has introduced a remedial bill.



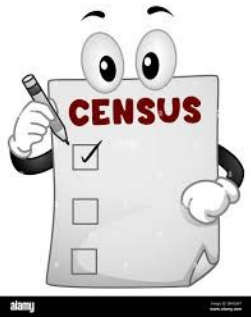
THE BILL. Conservative Cong. Chuck Edwards (N.C.) sponsored **HR 151**. His bill requires that, beginning with the 2030 census, the statement sent by the President to Congress after the decennial census indicating the number of persons in each state exclude non-citizens. The bill also requires any questionnaire used in the decennial census to include a checkbox or similar option for respondents to indicate if the respondent and each household member is (1) a U.S. citizen, (2) a U.S. national but not a citizen, (3) an alien lawfully residing in the U.S., or (4) an alien illegally residing here. Non-citizens would become excluded from the total population count used to determine the apportionment of U.S. representatives and electoral votes among the states. The Dept. of Commerce must publicize the number of persons in each state according to each of these 4 categories.

“America will be paying the consequences of the previous administration’s open border policies for decades to come. Mass illegal immigration has already diluted the voice of American citizens in the U.S. House and Electoral College. My Equal Representation Act will reverse these problems by asking a very simple question on the U.S. Census, ‘Are you a citizen of the United States?’ said Edwards, “Americans deserve fair and equal representation, something that will not be possible until we eliminate the influence of non-citizens in our elections.” His bill passed the House Oversight and Accountability Comm. by party lines and now awaits full debate in the House. **HR 151** has 66 co-sponsors, including NE Cong. Adrian Smith. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that enacting the bill would not increase net direct spending or budget deficits in the 4 consecutive 10-year census periods beginning in 2037.

THE REASONING. Illegal aliens and other non-citizens distort election results. According to a 2025 FAIR analysis, there are now at least 18.6 million illegal aliens residing in the U.S., increasing from 16.8 million in 2023. More frightening, after the 2020 Census, the average congressional district held 761,169 residents, meaning that the FAIR most recent estimate of the illegal alien population is the equivalent of more than 24 congressional districts. Because the number of seats in the House fixed by law at 435, when 1 state adds a seat, another state loses one. Congressional reapportionment based on the 2020 census led to multiple congressional seats changing across the country. States including New York, Illinois, and California all lost 1 House seat each, while Florida gained 1 seat and Texas 2. Both latter states have suffered a huge influx of illegal aliens. Without reform, these consequences will magnify in 2030, because the 2020 Census occurred before the unprecedented wave of illegal immigration encouraged by the Biden Regime, which drastically increased our non-citizen population. **HR 151** is a crucial step towards ensuring that the policies of the Biden Regime do not further distort congressional and Electoral College apportionment. Americans deserve to have our voices fully represented in Washington, D.C., not diluted by those who chose to violate our laws and enter the country illegally.¹ The 435 seats in the House of Representatives historically divided among each state by population. States with more residents win more representatives, and states with fewer residents have fewer representatives. A 2020 Pew Research study found that based on 2020 Census data, Texas, Florida, and California would each lose 1 congressional seat if illegal immigrants not included in apportionment. Alabama, Minnesota, and Ohio would each gain 1 congressional seat. This legislation addresses a critical issue affecting our national security and democratic principles and addresses an urgent need for laws that prioritize the safety and security of American citizens, which includes protecting the power of their vote. Millions of non-citizens comprise almost 7% of our population. This fact impacts several states more significantly, making their citizens more vulnerable to voter dilution. Congressional representation must accurately reflect the citizen population only. By ensuring that congressional representation bases on the number of citizens legally voting in federal elections, this legislation upholds the fundamental principle of "one person, one vote" and promotes fair representation for all American citizens.

¹ Federation for American Immigration Reform, Erin Leone, FAIR-supported Equal Representation Act Moves Forward in the House of Representatives, Dec. 4, 2025.

OPPONENTS. Active bill opponents include the League of Women Voters, who habitually champion illegal aliens, and the National Education Association. This leftist teacher’s union rants that the legislation would suppress census participation, distort population counts, and silence entire communities (illegal aliens), denying them federal funding that would help support education, hospital and health care, law enforcement, transportation, and other public services paid for by taxpayers.



TAKE ACTION NOW. Our right to vote for our representatives at all levels is a sacred right, guaranteed by our U.S. Constitution. We cannot allow illegal aliens and other non-citizens, who come from countries with no democratic institutions and who are malleable to Socialist Democrats winning their votes with “free stuff,” to cancel our votes. Allowing these foreigners to vote in our elections promises the election of a tide of socialists and the increase in elected officials who dismiss our constitutional republic tradition in favor of socialist-communist models. Using the content above, lobby NE Cong. Mike Flood and Don Bacon to support and vote for **HR 151**. Email netaxpayers@gmail.com for congressional contact information and join our NTF *Congress Watch Project*.

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