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**Cosponsor H.R. 3150 - Criminal Alien Accountability Act**

**Increase Penalties for Criminal Illegal Aliens and  
Human Smugglers**

Dear Colleague:

Illegal immigration is a rising problem in the United States. It poses a risk to our national security as well as a burden on our resources. One of the greatest dangers that we face is from criminal aliens who have been deported and who again reenter the United States illegally. There is no excuse to continue to allow this pattern of "crime, catch and release." That is why I introduced the Criminal Alien Accountability Act.

The Criminal Alien Accountability Act establishes mandatory minimums for aliens who violate deportation orders by reentering the United States without prior approval. The severity of the minimum is dependent upon the level of crime the alien committed prior to their deportation. The lowest level is 1 year and the most severe is 10 years, an alien with no criminal past and an alien with a conviction for an aggravated felony respectively.

The Act also imposes these stiff penalties upon human smugglers who attempt to smuggle individuals described above. Human smugglers care nothing for their cargo, only the fee they require for transport. Their practices endanger both United States citizens as well as their alien cargo. This practice must end.

I encourage you to help combat illegal entry into the United States by cosponsoring the Criminal Alien Accountability Act. Should you or your staff have any questions, please contact Jason Scism at 5-3906.

Sincerely,

Darrell Issa  
Member of Congress