

**Protecting Jobs for U.S. Workers and Securing Our Borders through
Worksite Enforcement Reform**

Please Cosponsor the "New Employee Verification Act of 2009"

April 23, 2009

Dear Colleague,

Ensuring a legal workforce will help protect jobs for U.S. workers, secure our borders and prevent identity theft. To achieve these goals we recently reintroduced the "New Employee Verification Act" or NEVA. We write today urging you to cosponsor this historic legislation.

Worksite enforcement reform is vital to fixing our broken immigration system, but it will also affect millions of U.S. citizens and therefore must be done right. Only NEVA will:

- Replace the current paper-based, fraud prone I-9 process with a mandatory electronic verification system for new hires only;
- Build on a process already used by 90 percent of employers;
- Ensure that law abiding citizens are verified by the Social Security Administration only;
- Provide employers the opportunity to authenticate and protect workers' identities through government certified private sector experts; and
- Protect the mission and resources of the Social Security Administration.

NEVA is supported by the H.R. Initiative for a Legal Workforce, a coalition of human resource organizations and business groups representing thousands of small and large U.S. employers from a broad range of sectors.

Additional information about the bill may be found [here](#). Should you have any questions or wish to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Mark Williams in Sam Johnson's office at mark.williams@mail.house.gov or 225-4201 or Caryn Schenewerk in Gabby Gifford's office at caryn.schenewerk@mail.house.gov or 225-2542.

It's time for Congress to act. With your help we can achieve real worksite enforcement reform that benefits both employers and workers.

Sincerely,

/s Sam Johnson
Member of Congress

/s Gabrielle Giffords
Member of Congress