Ron Kind’s

Plan to End the Government Shutdown

The partial shutdown is hurting Wisconsin farmers, workers and families. We need to reopen the government, and get both sides in the same room so we can have a meaningful discussion about how to move forward on the issues causing this dysfunction.

There is no question that our immigration system is broken and badly in need of repair. Instead of refusing to work together, I’m proposing a compromise: commonsense solutions to the problems that we face, and at no cost to Wisconsinites.

My plan to reopen the government will help fix our broken immigration system, while ensuring a clear path to citizenship is possible for immigrants looking to add to America’s communities, culture and workforce.

My plan is to:

Reopen the Government

Create a Path to Citizenship

• There are currently an estimated 12 million people living in the United States without proper documentation
• My plan would allow these individuals to pursue a pathway to citizenship, unless they have a violent criminal record. This plan would include a fine of $2,000 per individual, which could raise around $24 billion that could be used for effective border security.

Invest in Border Repair, Construction, and Patrol

• My plan would be to use funding from fines to work with Customs and Border Protection (CBP), local law enforcement, and local leaders to repair and strengthen borders where it makes sense. It would also allow for CBP to hire more agents to achieve their objectives and keep America safe.

Secure our Border with Modern Technology

• My plan would include new funding to deploy modern technology to the southern border, including new vehicles for CBP agents and drones to improve surveillance.

Improve Internal Immigration & Visa Enforcement

• Of the total number of individuals who are currently in the United States illegally, around two-thirds simply overstayed their visa and did not cross the border illegally.
• My plan would provide more resources, including additional personnel and better technology, to more effectively enforce visa expirations.

Enhance Drug Interdiction

• Most illicit drug smuggling occurring at the southern border happens at points of entry.
• My plan would provide CBP agents with cutting-edge technology to intercept and disrupt those smuggling attempts.

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• Money raised from fines would allow for $24 billion to be spent for border security, without a single dollar coming from Wisconsin taxpayers.