

Earlier this week, Gus signed on as an original co-sponsor to the Secure Visas Act, a bill introduced by Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX) that will enhance the way we protect our nation and secure our borders.

This bill would maintain and increase Visa Security Units in “highest-risk” countries and would end judicial review for revocation of terrorists’ visas.

While many people use the visa program for legitimate reasons, it has often been used as a way for terrorists to enter the U.S. with the intent to cause harm.

Gus was joined by Reps. Dennis Ross (R-Fla.), Ken Calvert (R-Calif.), Steve King (R-Iowa), and Ted Poe (R-Texas) as original co-sponsors of HR 1741.

In addition to co-sponsoring HR 1741, Gus has been a leader in working to improve visa security:

In March, Gus introduced the Student Visa Security Improvement Act, which will improve the background checks conducted on student visa applicants from high-risk areas and enhance America's ability to ensure that foreign students are abiding by the terms of their visas once in the U.S. ([Read more here](#))

An initiative from Gus to enhance the Visa Security Program overseas was signed into law as part of the Fiscal Year 2010 Department of Homeland Security Act. ([Read more here](#))

[Op-Ed: Closing the loophole on student visas](#) – March 30, 2011

[The Hill's Congress Blog: Ending student visa program abuse](#) – April 1, 2011

[Gus Talks About the Need to Strengthen Foreign Student Visa Security](#) – May 19, 2010

[Bilirakis to Homeland Security's Napolitano: Failure to Expand Visa Security Program "Unacceptable"](#) – February 25, 2010