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## When

The Secure Our Borders campaign is recommended for the months of January & February 2018.

## Introduction

“Secure Our Borders” is an ACT for America activism campaign focused on raising awareness to the issues surrounding our country’s national security. We believe there is nothing wrong with making sure the people entering our country don’t want to harm us.

As an ACT for America member, the most important thing you can do to affect change in your community is take action. As you will see in this January-February activity guide, we are making it easy for you to get involved.

## Legislation

### Refugee Resettlement

1. This bill empowers local municipalities to obtain accurate information on the number, placement of and services offered refugees and financial impact of refugees placed in their communities.

***States Passed in:***

**Tennessee, HB 1632 (2011)**

2. If you are interested in passing “Refugee Resettlement” legislation in your state, please email Stephanie at [sreis@actforamerica.org](mailto:sreis@actforamerica.org)

## Talking Points

Copy and paste these talking points into Facebook and social media:

1. **DID YOU KNOW?** Sayfullo Saipov, the radical Islamic terrorist who murdered 8 in NYC, entered the US through the Diversity Visa Program? It’s time to start merit-based immigration & end the Diversity Lottery. **#SecureOurBorders #ACTforAmerica**

**[Click here to tweet this talking point on Twitter](#)**

2. The Port Authority bomber, Akayed Ullah, entered the US through chain migration. Merit-based immigration will allow for extreme vetting and help. **#SecureOurBorders #ACTforAmerica**

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3. There is nothing wrong with making sure the people coming into America don’t want to harm us and will assimilate into Western culture. **#SecureOurBorders #ACTforAmerica**

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## Write a Letter to the Editor

1. This link provides you with the top 100 online and print publications across the country: <https://www.theopedproject.org/submission-information/>
2. If your letter is published, please notify ACT for America at [activism@actforamerica.org](mailto:activism@actforamerica.org)

### Example LTE:

*Secure Our Borders starts with making sure that the people entering our country do not want to harm us. Critics of common sense vetting like to throw around the words, "racism" and "xenophobia." Instead of looking at this issue through the opaque veil of emotion, let us revisit some facts regarding the Diversity Visa Lottery and chain migration.*

*On October 31st, 2017, Sayfullo Saipov drove a rented pickup truck down a New York City bike path, murdering eight innocent people. After plowing down these victims, he exited the truck and shouted, "Allahu Akbar." Sayfullo was born in Uzbekistan and entered America through a Diversity Visa Lottery. Similarly, Akayed Ullah detonated a pipe bomb near the Port Authority in NYC on December 11th, 2017. Akayed entered the United States through chain migration. In both of these instances, had President Trump's common sense vetting been in place, neither Sayfullo nor Akayed would have been able to carry out terrorism. It is evident that America does need a more qualified vetting system, as terrorists infiltrated two of our immigration programs. What is also clear is that there is nothing racist or xenophobic about making sure the people we allow into our country do not want to murder us, as we have consistently seen in New York City.*



## Activism Suggestions

### Set up a “Secure Our Borders” Table

ACT for America encourages every chapter to table or clipboard/petition on a regular basis. Tabling/clipboarding allows you to educate your peers about important issues, initiate powerful public policy discussions, recruit new members for your club, and have a great time with your members. Remember we are all about patriotism, love of country, and keeping America safe.

### Materials Needed

- Clipboard
- Pens
- Sign Up Sheet
- Duct tape
- Table
  - An alternative to setting up a table is walking around an event with a clipboard
- Poster (“Secure Our Borders,” or “Secure Our Borders”)
- Flyer (download from ACT for America Action Center)
- Fold up chairs (optional)

### Where to Table

- Community events
- Public sidewalk near grocery stores/malls
- Gun shops/gun show
- Outdoor sports events
- Town halls
- Ask business owners if you can set up a table outside their business

### Volunteers

- Minimum of 2 volunteers
- Designate 1 volunteer to take pictures
- Assign which volunteers will bring what items

### Instructions

- Set up your table in a public place or get permission from a business owner
- Tape your poster to the front of the table and place your materials on top



- Actively engage with people as they walk near your table
  - *“Do you think America has a right to say who can come into our country?”*
  - *“Did you know that 65 countries in the world built walls along their borders?”*
- Use the engagement question to get people to stop and talk with you
- Introduce yourself and tell the person why you’re there
- Ask the individual if they will sign your petition/sign up sheet (always collect email, phone number, and name)
- Follow up with anyone who signs up
  - *It’s best to follow up within 3 days or people who may have been fired up will lose interest*
  - *“Hey, this is \_\_\_\_\_. You signed our “Secure Our Borders” petition and I wanted to know if you will help us pass this legislation in our state.”*

## Take Photos

- Take pictures of people talking to your volunteers at the table
- Send your photos to [pictures@actforamerica.org](mailto:pictures@actforamerica.org) with a caption

## Helpful Tips

- Be friendly, polite, and non-confrontational
- When talking with people, make sure to stand in front of the table
- This activity is best for volunteers who enjoy talking to people

**For more information on tabling take a look at your chapter handbook!**



## Attend City Council & School Board Meetings

- Research when your local council and school board meetings are held
- What to listen out for:
  - Zoning and any new buildings
  - Immigration or refugee resettlement
  - Budgets and money allocation
  - Classroom overcrowding
- Network
  - Pay attention to which citizens speak at these meetings
  - If they feel similarly on our issues, be sure to introduce yourself to them before leaving the meetings

**\*For more information on what to look for at these meetings reach out to ACT for America at [activism@actforamerica.org](mailto:activism@actforamerica.org).**

## Chapter Meeting Topics/Ideas

Download a Secure Our Borders PowerPoint Presentation from the action center at <http://www.actforamerica.org/action>. Use this PowerPoint Presentation during your next chapter meeting!

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to ACT for America at [chapters@actforamerica.org](mailto:chapters@actforamerica.org) and a team member will be in touch with you ASAP.





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