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**World Relief Applauds Bipartisan Efforts to Bring Commonsense Solutions to the Immigration System**

**BALTIMORE** – Yesterday, Senators John Cornyn (R-TX) and Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ) and Representatives Henry Cuellar (D-TX) and Tony Gonzales (R-TX) introduced the Bipartisan Border Solutions Act in both chambers of Congress. World Relief applauds this necessary first step toward resolving longstanding and recurring challenges along the U.S.–Mexico border and affirms that bipartisan legislation is critical for advancing solutions that would protect vulnerable children, women and men at the border and beyond.

“In a political climate that is all too often divisive, it’s encouraging to see both parties work together to introduce bipartisan legislation that would provide much needed resources and processes to help those seeking asylum in the United States,” **said World Relief President Scott Arbeiter.** “World Relief hopes to see more conversations take place across party lines that are centered on protecting those fleeing persecution – particularly children – and ensuring efficient and effective processes are in place for fair and timely hearings.”

The bill’s introduction shows that there is indeed a broad range of support for commonsense, bipartisan immigration reform. World Relief acknowledges that the legislation is a stepping stone toward a permanent solution for Dreamers, agricultural workers, long-term TPS recipients and others who are vital members of our communities in need of access to permanent legal status and eventual citizenship.

“Yesterday’s bipartisan cooperation is a prime example of the type of model members of Congress must strive for if they are to lay firm groundwork for broader immigration reforms,” **said Matthew Soerens, World Relief U.S. director of church mobilization and advocacy.** “World Relief believes every person is made in the image of God and longs to see dignity restored within marginalized and underserved communities. Ultimately, what’s happening at our nation’s border is not a partisan issue – it’s a moral matter of defending those in need of protection while maintaining legal order. Democrats and Republicans must work together to achieve meaningful change in all areas where reform is needed.”

As bills continue to be introduced in the coming months and years, we recognize that Christians have a unique opportunity to call on our elected officials in Congress to ensure immigrants are not dehumanized and life-affirming principles are taken into consideration when forming legislation. World Relief calls on our Senators to approach immigration reform with passion over fear and urge them to work together to develop workable solutions that transcend mere rhetoric and result in true transformation.

**About World Relief**



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