

Tom Suozzi Policy Paper

Immigration

We face an immigration crisis because politicians have spent years weaponizing the issue, but haven't done a thing to fix it. We must come together on bipartisan immigration reform that secures our border and treats immigrants like human beings.

Tom was One of Just 18 Democrats to Vote to Support ICE

In July 2018, Tom was **one of just 18 House Democrats** to vote for a resolution that supported Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and its agents and **denounced calls to abolish** the agency. **In an interview with Fox News, Tom said, "I support ICE** and I think that they have an important job to do in this country securing our border, making sure people don't overstay."

Tom Broke with His Party to Fund More Border Security

Tom served as Vice Chair of the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus, a group of 25 Democrats and 25 Republicans who worked to find common ground. In June 2019, Tom and his fellow Problem Solver Democrats **used their leverage to force a vote on a Senate-passed bill to fund ICE** and other border security measures. Despite opposition from almost half of Democrats, the **\$4.6 billion legislation passed the House and was sent to President Trump's desk.**

Tom Came to a "Grand Compromise" with Republican Peter King

In 2019, Tom joined with Long Island Congressman Peter King (R) to draft a "Grand Compromise," a comprehensive immigration reform package that would **fund more border security, reduce out-migration from Central America, and create legal status** for five million immigrants who have lived and worked in the US for years.

Tom also proposed an “Ellis Island” plan in 2021 to help secure the border and bring order to the crisis at our southern border. The plan would build a **new, comprehensive complex at the border** to expedite the processing of migrants as well as hire more immigration judges who would rule on asylum cases without delay. Migrants who have credible claims for asylum would be more effectively processed, **those who do not would be quickly denied entry and sent back.**

Correcting the Record on the Lies in Republican Commercials

Republicans are running advertisements saying that Tom “kicked ICE out of Nassau County,” but not providing context on the dangerous enforcement failures. Tom’s 2007 decision was **at the request of the Nassau County Police Commissioner**, who noted that in multiple instances, **federal immigration agents mistakenly drew their guns on Nassau County police.**