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4.6 Ideas for the Department of Homeland Security



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President Joe Biden is in the midst of his first 100-day policy sprint.

In honor of the 46th President, we have come up with a "Four Point Six" memo. This is our set of 4.6 recommendations the Biden Administration should follow in governance to promote policies to restore fiscal balance, increase transparency and accountability, and reduce the deficit. These recommendations span government agencies from Defense to Agriculture, Interior to the Office of Management and Budget. You can read the full memo here.

Why 4.6? We could have done 46 but we decided to begin with our top priorities, and we consider the "Point Six" recommendation to be the simplest place to start.

Read on.

Department of Homeland Security

- 1. Border Barriers: Immediately exercise contract options to terminate barrier construction contracts for the convenience of the government. Yes, it will cost the government some money to terminate the contracts for convenience, but that's why government contracts contemplate potential terminations.
- **2.** Border Barriers Redux: Return land that has been condemned or taken under eminent domain to the previous owners.
- **3.** *Immigration Reform*: Work with lawmakers to pursue common sense, comprehensive, and durable immigration reform.
- 4. Border Security: To encourage Congressional interest in immigration reform, develop a package of high-tech/low-touch border security measures as a less intrusive alternative to barriers.

4.6. DHS Roles and Missions Review: Begin a department-wide assessment of the shape and scope of DHS. This department was cobbled together in haste, and in response to the terrorist attacks of 2001. It consists of widely disparate agencies that may better fit under other federal departments. Be bold and consider potential changes early in the Biden Administration.



This is an excerpt. Read the full Four Point Six memo at https://www.taxpayer.net/budget-appropriations-tax/four-point-six/







