“SECURING” THE BORDER TO SECURE VOTES

The Senate jammed $12 billion in border security spending into the immigration reform policy bill as a cynical concession to security hawks.

WHAT’S INCLUDED IN THE PLAN?

**INTEGRATED FIXED TOWERS**
- $87.3M in year one
- 93 added
- Total cost unknown

**UH-1N HELICOPTERS**
- $35.6M each
- $605.2M total
- Requires 17 helicopters
- no longer manufactured

**UNMANNED A/C SYSTEMS (DRONES)**
- $7.2M each
- Total cost: $29M
- 4 added
- 10 already owned by U.S. Border Patrol

**RADIATION ISOTOPE ID DEVICES**
- $331K each
- Total cost: $5.3M
- 16 added
- 2,554 already in inventory

**RADIATION PORTAL MONITOR**
- Total cost: $427K
- One added
- 1460 already in inventory

**CORPORATE HANDOUTS DISGUISED AS POLICY**
- Writes spending that normally appears in reports accompanying legislation into bill language, setting it in stone.

**SWEETHEART DEALS FOR TOP GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS**
- Mandates specific contractors and models, making an end-run around the competitive bidding process.

**AN OUTDATED DHS WISHLIST**
- Based on a 2011 Department of Homeland Security wishlist that includes $605.2M for helicopters no longer being manufactured.

THIS ISN’T IMMIGRATION REFORM, AND IT ISN’T GOOD POLICY.