

Mike Kelly on Immigration

“Mike Kelly believes that any immigration reform plan must first begin with securing our borders. Other aspects of immigration should only be considered after this basic federal government responsibility is fulfilled.” ~ Source: 2010 House campaign website, mikelkellyforcongress.com, Nov 2, 2010

Voted for H.Res.990 which Expresses support for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers and personnel and denounces calls for ICE's abolishment. Source: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-resolution/990>

Mike Kelly voted **against** H.R. 2029, the Omnibus Spending bill for 2016. This legislation would increase the number of H-2B low-skilled, non-agricultural guest worker visas issued in 2016 from 66,000 to 264,000. It also increased funding for refugee resettlement to allow for an increase of 10,000 refugees in 2016. ~ Source: numbersusa.com, September 8, 2018

Mike Kelly votes in line with Trump's position 96.6% of the time. ~Source: <https://projects.fivethirtyeight.com/congress-trump-score/mike-kelly/>, September 9, 2018



Ebert G “Bill” Beeman believes that if someone is peaceful, they should be welcome to immigrate to the United States.

Bill believes that people should be able to travel freely as long as they are peaceful. He welcomes immigrants who come seeking a better life. The vast majority of immigrants are very peaceful and highly productive.

Indeed, the United States is a country of immigrants, of all backgrounds and walks of life...some families have just been here for more generations than others. Newcomers bring great vitality to our society.

A truly free market requires the free movement of people, not just products and ideas.

Whether they are from India or Mexico, whether they have advanced degrees or very little education, immigrants have one great thing in common: they bravely left their familiar surroundings in search of a better life. Many are fleeing extreme poverty and violence and are searching for a free and safe place to try to build their lives. We respect and admire their courage and are proud that they see the United States as a place of freedom, stability, and prosperity.

Of course, if someone has a record of violence, credible plans for violence, or acts violently, then Bill supports blocking their entry, deporting, and/or prosecuting and imprisoning them, depending on the offense.

Bill does not support classifying undocumented immigrants as criminals. Our current immigration system is an embarrassment. People who would like to follow the legal procedures are unable to because these procedures are so complex and expensive and lengthy. If Americans want immigrants to enter through legal channels, we need to make those channels fair, reasonable, and accessible.