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AAF President Douglas Holtz-Eakin Testifies on Immigration Reform

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In today's testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, and Border Safety, AAF President Douglas Holtz-Eakin discusses the challenges for legalizing essential workers and the potential for immigration reform.

His central points:

- Legalization of a variety of categories of undocumented immigrants, such as the proposed Citizenship for Essential Workers Act is an important aspect of federal immigration reform, but such reforms should also include securing borders and reforming the visa system to contribute to stronger economic growth;
- The economic impact and legal merit of legalizing essential workers does not appear to be large, and may well produce undesirable migration incentives; and
- The legislation's definition of "essential" workers is overly broad, classifying the vast majority of employment as essential.

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