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## Sen. Grassley Wants to Force E-Verify on Businesses in Committee Mark-Up of Stimulus

*Controversial program would place undue burden on businesses*

Today, Senator Grassley is going to introduce an amendment to the Stimulus in the Senate Finance Committee mark-up that forces all business who “benefit” from the stimulus to use the flawed E-Verify program.

At a time of national economy uncertainty, this is neither the correct moment nor vehicle for Sen. Grassley to push an anti-growth and anti-business amendment that will hamstring businesses into compliance. If we are serious about stimulating the growth of our economy, we must give employers the flexibility to hire new workers to increase productivity – not tie their hands with government red tape.

The E-Verify program is significantly flawed, has no place in this package, and further hurts our domestic business owners.

- E-Verify creates a high costs for businesses in a period of declining economic vitality. A U.S. Chamber of Commerce analysis concluded that a federal rule similar to that found in the stimulus currently, which requires federal contractors to use **E-Verify, would lead to net societal costs of \$10 billion a year.**
- Employers throughout our country are voicing their opposition to forced implementation of E-Verify. Small businesses take seriously their obligation to hire legal workers but, as many have pointed out, these businesses often do not have human resources departments. **Other business owners are calling E-Verify “extremely costly” and “disruptive” to the functioning of their companies.**
- Business owners are already coming forward with E-Verify “horror stories.” Ken Nagel, a Phoenix, Arizona restaurant owner wanted to hire his own native-born daughter and found, after putting her information in the system, E-Verify was unable to confirm her work eligibility.

**AWF urges you to oppose this insertion into the Stimulus as this will hurt *not* help our American businesses.**

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