



SHUT IT DOWN: Texas GOP lawmaker moves to halt Somali immigration

Rep. Brandon Gill says enough is enough.

The Texas Republican introduced legislation Tuesday that would impose a 25-year moratorium on immigration from Somalia, arguing that decades of mass migration have failed to serve American interests while draining taxpayer resources, fueling large-scale fraud, and undermining social cohesion in communities across the country.

According to an exclusive [report](#) from Breitbart News, Gill's proposal would bar new immigration relief for Somali nationals for a generation, marking a decisive break from what he describes as an immigration system that prioritizes humanitarian rhetoric over enforcement, accountability, and the interests of American citizens.

The legislation, titled the Somalia Immigration Moratorium Act, would amend Section 212 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to halt new immigration from Somalia for 25 years, while preserving existing lawful status, U.S. treaty obligations, and limited visa categories such as diplomats and international organization employees. Individuals already legally present in the United States would not be affected.

“Mass Somali immigration makes the United States weaker, poorer and erodes social trust,” Gill said in a statement provided to Breitbart. “The sole aim of our immigration system is to benefit American citizens, not facilitate mass migration from corrupt, failed societies.”

Gill pointed to Minnesota as a warning sign, citing years of fraud scandals involving members of the Somali community that have cost taxpayers billions of dollars. Roughly \$9 billion in fraud tied to federal benefits programs has plagued the state, turning what were intended to be humanitarian safeguards into a prolonged failure of oversight and enforcement.

“The recent fraud scandal in Minnesota highlights the acute dangers of unchecked immigration,” Gill added. “A Somalia immigration moratorium puts the American people first, restores our national sovereignty, protects taxpayers and supports public safety.”

Breitbart reports that more than 70 million immigrants have entered the United States since the passage of the 1965 Immigration and Nationality Act, with Somali immigration increasingly at the center of debates over welfare abuse, assimilation, and the long-term costs of mass migration. Beyond the high-profile fraud cases that have drawn national attention, the Somali community has disproportionately benefited from American welfare programs.

The proposal comes as the Trump administration has already begun tightening policy toward Somalia. In mid-January, the administration moved to end Temporary Protected Status for thousands of Somali nationals, signaling a shift away from indefinite humanitarian extensions that critics say were never intended to be permanent.

“Temporary means temporary,” Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem said at the time. “Country conditions in Somalia have improved to the point that it no longer meets the law’s requirement for Temporary Protected Status. Further, allowing Somali nationals to remain temporarily in the United States is contrary to our national interests. We are putting Americans first.”

Gill’s bill builds directly on that posture, framing the moratorium as a long-overdue reset — not just on Somalia, but on an immigration system he argues has drifted away from serving the American public.