

# Members of the Homeland Security Conference Committee

Position	Democrats		Republicans	Position
House Appropriations Chair	Nita Lowey (NY)	<b>House Conferees</b>		
Subcommittee Chair	Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA)		Kay Granger (TX)	House Appropriations Ranking Member
	David Price (NC)		Chuck Fleischmann (TN)	Subcommittee Ranking Member
	Barbara Lee (CA)		Tom Graves (GA)	
	Henry Cuellar (TX)		Steven Palazzo (MI)	
	Pete Aguilar (CA)			
Senate Appropriations Ranking Member	Patrick Leahy (VT)	<b>Senate Conferees</b>	Richard Shelby (AL)	Senate Appropriations Chair
Subcommittee Ranking Member	Jon Tester (MT)		Shelley Moore Capito (WV)	Subcommittee Chair
	Dick Durbin (IL)		John Hoeven (ND)	
			Roy Blunt (MO)	

Sources: National Journal Research, 2019.

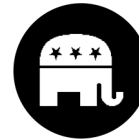
# Democrats have unveiled their border wall proposal in the conference committee

An overview of Democrats and Republicans' proposals



## Democrats' proposal

- Omits funding for a physical barrier on the border
- Includes funding for an additional 1,000 customs officers
- Allocates funding for the deployment of imaging technology that would scan vehicles for drugs and contraband
- Repairs ports of entry
- Includes \$502 million for medical care, transportation, food, and holding facilities with better conditions and services for migrants crossing the border
  - The “alternatives to detention program” will keep families together and reduce the number of detentions of migrants



## Republicans' proposal

- Republicans on the conference committee have yet to submit a concrete proposal
- Republicans have signaled support for improved technology to screen vehicles and stop drug shipments
- Committee members have indicated that a physical barrier is essential to the border security issue, echoing President Trump's demands for \$5.7 billion for a border wall

“ If the committee of Republicans and Democrats now meeting on Border Security is not discussing or contemplating a Wall or Physical Barrier, they are Wasting their time!”

–**President Trump**, warning negotiators in a tweet that he would not sign legislation that did not include a physical barrier along the Southern border

Sources: Emily Cochrane, “Democrats’ Opening Offer: More Customs Officers and Technology, but No Wall,” *The New York Times*, January 30, 2019; Erica Werner, John Wagner and Mike DeBonis, “Trump digs in on border wall funds, but Democrats’ opening bid is zero,” *The Washington Post*, January 30, 2019; Alexi McCammond, “House Democrats offer zero funding for Trump’s border wall,” *Axios*, January 31, 2019.