

# IMMIGRATION DETENTION: TAXPAYERS BEWARE!

UNDER THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS  
COMMITTEE FY 2019 PROPOSAL:



**+3,480  
ADDITIONAL  
BEDS**

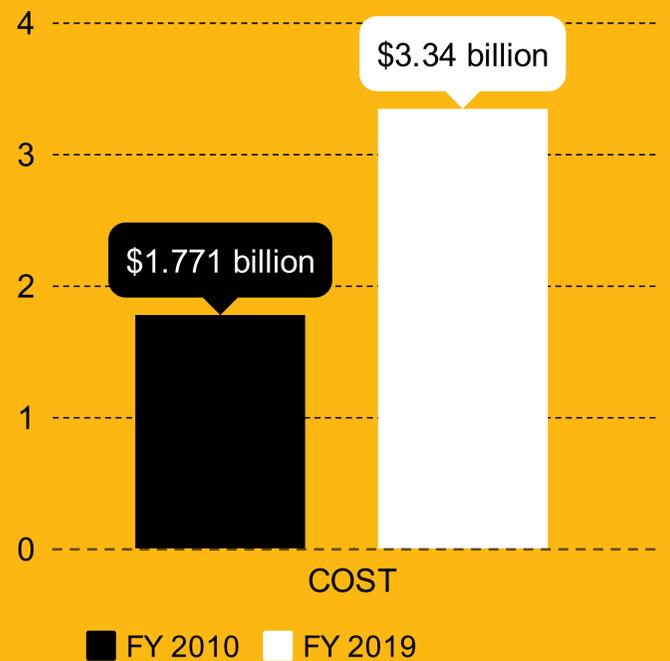
Highest-ever  
detention bed  
quota – an increase  
from **40,520**  
average daily  
detention beds to  
**44,000**<sup>1</sup>

Taxpayers would pay almost twice  
as much in detention costs than in  
FY 2010<sup>3</sup>



**\$3.34  
BILLION**

The increased bed  
quota would cost  
taxpayers more  
money, resulting in  
**\$3.34 billion** spent  
on daily detention  
costs<sup>2</sup>



ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION (ATD) PROGRAMS ARE  
EFFECTIVE AND SAVE TAXPAYERS MONEY

How much do ATDs cost per day?

**APPROXIMATELY \$6.00  
PER PERSON/PER DAY**



How much could we save?

**MORE THAN A BILLION  
DOLLARS A YEAR BY  
SHIFTING 1/3 OF THE  
PROPOSED 44,000  
DETENTION BEDS TO ATDs**<sup>4</sup>

**SOURCES:**

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