Dear AILA Members,

There are moments when the ground shifts and new possibilities come into view. I believe this is one of those moments for immigration law, immigration policy, and AILA.

The election has created new possibilities for progress, and I believe AILA has a vital role to play in what comes next. We have an opportunity to move beyond false choices and help build an immigration system that is orderly, fair, secure, and worthy of our country.

And there is no group better prepared to help shape what comes next than AILA's members.

AILA members understand this system in a way few others do. You know what works, what doesn't, and what needs to change because you experience it every day alongside your clients. That collective knowledge makes this association an extraordinarily powerful voice for practical, lasting solutions, and in the months ahead, we are going to use it.

AILA will work diligently to create openings for meaningful change, bring solutions to policymakers, defend due process and the rule of law, and make sure the expertise of immigration lawyers is heard wherever consequential decisions are being made.

But advocacy is only part of our job.

AILA is committed to making sure you are ready for whatever comes next.

As policy and practice evolve, AILA will give you the timely analysis, practice resources, education, advocacy tools, and connections you need to succeed. And behind all those resources is something even more valuable: a

remarkable community of colleagues willing to share knowledge and help one another navigate change.

We are stronger because we have each other. And together, we can have an enormous impact.

There will be challenges ahead, but there is also reason for genuine optimism. AILA is ready. Our members are ready. And I could not be more excited about what we can accomplish together.

Let’s get to work.



Ben Johnson
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