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On **May 9, 2025**, President Donald Trump signed an executive order launching **"Project Homecoming,"** the first federally backed self-deportation program in U.S. history. The initiative, aimed at undocumented immigrants, introduces a structured, app-based system to streamline voluntary departures from the United States.

The program is being promoted as a cost-saving measure that offers financial incentives to those who choose to leave voluntarily while threatening strict penalties for those who remain.

Key Components of Project Homecoming

⬚ 1. CBP Home App

A repurposed version of the former CBP One app, **CBP Home** allows undocumented

immigrants to:

- Register for self-deportation
- Book **free flights** to any country of their choosing (except the U.S.)
- Receive logistical travel support
- Confirm arrival in their home country for a financial bonus

2. $1,000 Exit Bonus

Immigrants who successfully self-deport and verify their arrival using the app will receive a **$1,000 government-funded bonus**.

3. Government-Covered Travel

All flights and necessary travel documents are funded by the **Department of Homeland Security**, removing the financial burden of return travel.

4. Severe Consequences for Non-Compliance

Those who choose to stay illegally in the U.S. may face:

- Large **fines**
- **Property confiscation**
- **Wage garnishment**
- **Incarceration** and forced deportation

Legal and Ethical Concerns

While the administration describes the program as a humane enforcement solution, **immigration attorneys and rights groups** have raised several concerns:

- **Legal Ramifications**: Self-deportation may trigger **3- to 10-year reentry bans** depending on time spent unlawfully in the U.S.
- **Asylum Interference**: Vulnerable populations, such as asylum seekers, may mistakenly

give up legal rights and protections by using the app.

- **Data Privacy**: Concerns have been raised over the **collection of personal data** via the app and how it may be used by federal authorities.

CBP Home App – Download Links

You can access the CBP Home app on the following platforms:

Platform	Download Link
iOS (Apple)	[Download on App Store](#)
Android (Google Play)	[Download on Google Play](#)
Web Portal	[Access Web Version](#)

> **Important:** Do not download or use the app before consulting a **[licensed immigration attorney](#)**. Self-deportation can impact your legal rights and future immigration eligibility.

⚠ Need Help Understanding Your Options?

If you or someone you know is undocumented and unsure how this executive order may affect your status, **Lunel Law can help**. Our team provides trusted, confidential legal guidance to immigrants from all backgrounds. We strongly recommend speaking with a lawyer before taking any action that may impact your immigration future.

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Frequently Asked Questions About Project Homecoming & the CBP Home App

What is Project Homecoming?

Project Homecoming is a self-deportation initiative launched by President Trump's administration in May 2025. It encourages undocumented immigrants to voluntarily leave the U.S. using a government-backed app called **CBP Home**, offering a **free flight** to another country and a **$1,000 exit bonus**.

Is self-deportation safe? Will I face any consequences later if I use the CBP Home app?

Even if you leave voluntarily, **self-deportation is still considered a formal departure after unlawful presence**, which may trigger **reentry bans of 3 to 10 years** depending on your case. It may also affect your eligibility for future visas or green cards. It's strongly advised that you speak with an immigration attorney before making any decision.

What happens if I choose not to leave?

The executive order outlines **harsh consequences** for undocumented immigrants who remain in the U.S., including:
– Jail time
– Property confiscation
– Wage garnishment
– Immediate detention and deportation
However, the legality and enforceability of these actions are still being challenged in court.

If I have an asylum case or pending immigration petition, should I still use the CBP Home app?

No. If you are in the process of applying for asylum, VAWA, Special Immigrant Juvenile status, or another form of immigration relief, **you may be giving up your legal rights** by self-deporting. Always consult with a qualified immigration attorney before taking any action.

Can I return to the U.S. after self-deporting through the program?

It depends. The government has not clarified whether participants in Project Homecoming will be able to apply for visas or reentry later. However, **standard immigration law applies**, and those who accrue unlawful presence are typically barred from reentry for several years.

Is the $1,000 exit bonus guaranteed?

The bonus is only given after you successfully book your departure through the app and verify your arrival in another country. However, the conditions and availability of the bonus may change or be denied based on DHS discretion.

What if I'm undocumented but have U.S. citizen children?

If you choose to leave, your children may be forced to leave with you, or you may have to leave them behind. This raises serious family separation and child welfare concerns. It's critical to seek legal guidance before using the program.

Will my personal data be safe if I use the CBP Home app?

Data entered into the CBP Home app is accessible to the **Department of Homeland Security** and may be used for enforcement purposes. There are serious concerns about **privacy, surveillance, and data misuse**.

Is the CBP Home app mandatory for undocumented immigrants?

No, it is not mandatory. However, the administration is strongly encouraging undocumented immigrants to use it. Non-participation may not result in immediate action, but it may place you at higher risk under increased enforcement efforts.

What should I do now if I'm undocumented and unsure of my options?

Do **not** act out of fear. Instead:
– Speak to an immigration attorney as soon as possible.
– Avoid using the app until you understand the legal consequences.
– Gather documents related to your case (ID, immigration records, work history, etc.).
– Stay informed through trusted legal and community organizations.