



POSITION PAPER

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION AND SECURITY OF OUR BORDERS

I acknowledge that the United States has been built on the talents and sacrifices of immigrants starting with the first settlers. While this nation has always accepted newcomers it did so by establishing a system of eligibility. America has never promoted open borders. In recent decades our nation has been burdened with an invasion of illegal aliens who have taken jobs away from American citizens and legal resident aliens and who are active participants in violent gangs and other illegal activities. It has been estimated that more than 25% of the inmate population in the jails throughout the United States are illegal aliens. These Illegal Aliens and their families are also a drain on our social services, schools, hospitals and the taxpayers.

The American people have a right to a secure and sovereign country. We also have a right to know the identity of people who are entering our country both legally and illegally. America must remove the incentives that attract illegal aliens to our country and we must enforce the laws that are currently on the books by prosecuting and deporting illegal aliens. Our government cannot be seen as granting amnesty or any other protection to those who willfully break our laws. Until we enforce a policy that treats illegal aliens as lawbreakers, we will never have a successful policy of stemming the flow of this illegal invasion.

Labor Unions in this country have fought long and hard to provide American workers with a reasonable work week and safe working conditions that we often take for granted. When Americans are driven out of their jobs by illegal aliens who work for far lower wages, oftentimes under unsafe and unhealthy working conditions, it is time to act. Many of the employment benefits provided to America's working men and women are now being eroded by unscrupulous criminal employers who hire illegal aliens to cut their expenses and maximize their profits at the expense of American citizens.

Most Americans are in favor of controlled immigration. The keyword here is “controlled.” We have a right to control who comes here and who does not. The legal immigration system of the United States welcomes people who share our values, our culture and want to follow the rules in order to become citizens of this great country.

I applaud the private citizens who are offering their services to law enforcement to help secure our borders and I condemn any state, country or local government that offers “sanctuary” to illegal aliens by instructing their law enforcement and social service agencies to refuse to assist immigration authorities in their efforts to stem the flow of these law breakers into our society.

Although the power to regulate immigration is a plenary power of Congress under Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution, it has become obvious that the federal government has failed to secure our nation's borders against illegal immigration and that its failure undermines the rule of law, violates our national sovereignty, and imposes intolerable social and fiscal burdens on the American people.

Because the federal government appears to be following an “open borders policy” in regard to dealing with the Illegal Alien invasion, I propose the following Ten Point program to address the issue:

Ten Point Program to Address the Illegal Alien Problem

1. SECURE THE BORDER

The first step in addressing the illegal alien problem in the USA is to use the Army, National Guard, or any other branch of the armed forces or law enforcement that may be required, to help the U.S. Border Patrol secure our borders against illegal crossing by aliens, drug smugglers, terrorists or other criminals. We should also complete the construction of the entire border fence by January 1, 2009.

2. NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS

Illegal Aliens should not be rewarded for breaking the law by granting them temporary or permanent legal status (amnesty).

3. ELIMINATE ILLEGAL ALIEN ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT

Adopt the core recommendation of the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform to eliminate the easy access to jobs that attract illegal aliens by requiring verifiable proof that the prospective employee is a United States citizen or a properly registered alien before employment can begin. There should also be an increase in the financial penalties for employers that violate the law and the penalties should also include jail time for the company executives with repeat offenses.

4. NO GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ILLEGALS

Deny Illegal Aliens any form of governmental assistance, social services, welfare, tuition assistance, etc., other than emergency medical care. Local governments that provide such assistance should lose some or all of their federal funds for social services.

5. ANCHOR BABIES SHOULD NOT BE CITIZENS

Adoption of a law clarifying that the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution does not give automatic U.S. citizenship to a child born on U.S. soil to illegal alien parents.

6. FUND INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT BY STATE AND LOCAL POLICE

Provide financial assistance in the form of grants to encourage the effective interior enforcement of U.S. immigration laws to insure that all illegal aliens identified or apprehended by State, county or local law enforcement agencies are promptly turned over to federal authorities to be deported. The federal government should withhold some or all federal funds from any state, county or local government that offers “sanctuary” to illegal aliens by instructing their law enforcement and agencies to refuse to assist immigration authorities in their efforts to stem the flow of these law breakers into our society.

7. CREATE A FEDERAL DATABASE ON ILLEGAL ALIENS

The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Homeland Security will jointly create and administer a real-time identification system to instantaneously check on the legal status of those arrested or otherwise suspected of being involved in criminal activity, including being an Illegal Alien. This database should be operational by Jan. 1, 2009.

8. DEPORT ILLEGAL ALIENS WHEN RELEASED FROM PRISON

All current prisoners in the USA will be screened to identify those who are in the United States illegally and the illegal alien prisoners will be turned over to the federal government for deportation. No illegal alien criminal will be released back into the American population to prey upon Americans. After they finish their prison time for their crime, they will be retained until deported. Retention and deportation will be the responsibility of the federal government, and every state and local authority that has criminals serving time who prove to be illegal aliens will turn them over to federal authorities when their local or state sentence is completed.

9. DENY FEDERAL GUARANTEED LOANS AND MORTGAGES TO ILLEGAL ALIENS

Every person applying for a federally guaranteed mortgage, student loan, or other federal subsidized mortgage or loan must be checked against the federal Illegal Alien data base. Unless there is positive proof they are American citizens or legal residents in America, they will be presumed to be here illegally and be ineligible for a federal loan or mortgage.

10. SANCTIONS

The federal government should impose sanctions, including the suspension of visa privileges and cutoff of foreign aid, to any country that refuses to cooperate with the U.S. either in the repatriation of its illegal alien nationals, or in preventing aliens from illegally entering the U.S. through its territory.

CONTROLLED LEGAL IMMIGRATION

While we all cherish and honor America's proud immigrant history, we must also recognize that our nation is no longer an unsettled frontier. Immigration has escalated to over one million each year, which is the highest level in American history.

Because of immigration, the Census Bureau projects that U.S. population will exceed 400 million by 2050. A population that large is certain to result in vast increases in traffic congestion, overcrowded schools, urban sprawl, pressure on energy and water resources, and dwindling wilderness and wildlife areas. It will degrade or destroy our American quality of life.

Therefore, I support:

1. A temporary ban or reduction on all immigration, except for spouses and minor children of U.S. citizens, for a period of ten years, thereafter restoring America's traditional level of legal immigration at a limit of 250,000 per year.
2. Drastically reducing the importation of temporary foreign workers that always reduce the wages, working conditions, and incomes of American workers.
3. Reforming the visa preference system to give priority to reuniting nuclear family members such as spouses and minor children, and ending the chain migration of extended family relatives.
4. A national campaign to assimilate new legal immigrants by encouraging them to learn about American history, government, and civic culture. They should also be required to read, write and speak the English language before they can become citizens.
5. Re-implementation and enforcement of immigration sponsorship policy or proof of financial viability.
6. Non-citizens should not be eligible for welfare or other social service programs.

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