

HB 2576 – Immigration; unlawful concealing; harboring or shielding an alien; public benefits, proof of citizenship; failure to carry documentation, enforcement; vital records identity fraud; dealing in false identification documents; penalties; charged with a crime verification of citizenship.

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee. I'm Renee Slinkard from Parker, Kansas, and I am a spokesperson for Kansas Citizens for Immigration Law Enforcement. We are in favor of HB 2576.

The Federal Government has allowed open borders for over 10 years, but that does not mean the law of the land should be ignored at the local level. It should be enforced. The illegal aliens, who cross our borders unlawfully, should not be allowed to stay and reap rewards such as jobs and tax payer funded benefits. The State of Kansas has provided magnets for several years to illegal immigrants with entitlements that the Kansas Citizen and taxpayer are quite frankly, tired of paying out to illegal aliens. The American society has switched from makers to takers.

States such as Alabama who have passed immigration laws such as E-Verify find that their unemployment rates have dropped substantially. Illegal aliens are leaving these States and crossing into other states that offer them entitlements and jobs.

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Those who oppose enforcing immigration laws in Kansas, use the excuse that we need to make a pathway to citizenship easier. My question to them is why would ~~do~~ you provide an easy pathway to citizenship for immigrants, why do you provide jobs and why do you provide benefits for them when our Immigration Law states it is a felon to harbor and assist an illegal alien. The United States is vulnerable and at risk for high crime. The Border States are infiltrated with illegal aliens who kill ranchers and farmers while at the same time Kansas farmers and ranchers are encouraging these illegal aliens to come here.

It is time to honor and enforce our immigration laws. Since our Federal Government is not defending and securing our country, Kansas needs to protect its citizens and represent them by passage of strong immigration legislation that prohibits anyone from harboring and assisting illegal aliens. I assure you that Kansas citizens will be less a victim and we will thank you for passing this law.

Mr. Chairman and committee I urge you to vote "yes" on HB 2576.

Thank you.

HB 2577 – Enrollment and participation in an e-verify program by business and governmental entities.

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee. I'm Renee Slinkard from Parker, Kansas, and I am a spokesperson for Kansas Citizens for Immigration Law Enforcement. We are in favor of house bill 2577.

During the last few months I have talked with citizens in Kansas and have witnessed an overwhelming response of concern on Illegal Immigration in Kansas; the citizens of Kansas want strong immigration laws enforced including a requirement for businesses to utilize E-Verify (Employment Verification).

E-Verify puts the responsibility in the hands of the employer, by taking the information from the employees I-9 form, and entering the information into the Employment Verification database (E-Verify). The database software is free to the employer, simple and quick in response. The social security administration will return notification of validity.

Without E-Verify Enforced in our Businesses, we will continue to have illegal immigrants migrating and settling in Kansas. Due to the current Federal Administration's lack of desire to close the borders and honor our immigration laws, States such as Alabama are enforcing

immigration laws including E-Verify; by doing this, it opens up jobs that otherwise went to illegal aliens.

The week of January 23, 2012, it was reported in the national news that Alabama unemployment went down “significantly” since their E-Verify Laws have been enforced. Alabama’s E-Verify law benefited their citizens by making jobs available to them. It is imperative that Kansas mirror Alabama by enforcing E-Verify to open up jobs for our citizens.

There is a repetitive cycle in Kansas; we have immigrants who have expired visas and immigrants that crossed our borders illegally. Some employers hire them with or without knowledge of their legal status. They are hired on for low wages and for what the employer fails to provide for them in wages, the illegal alien collects through our tax dollars services such as food stamps, welfare, medical and housing. Since jobs are being taken by illegal aliens, it is necessary for our citizens that are out of work, to collect unemployment compensation, food stamps, and other benefits from our tax dollars.

We must stop this repetitive cycle of entitlements and magnets we provide illegal aliens. The immigrants that came here legally are among those who cannot get jobs and they also find it necessary to collect entitlements.

Those who oppose enforcing immigration laws may say that illegal aliens contribute to society by paying taxes. More than likely, illegal aliens do not pay taxes, because they collect their wages in cash, or falsify documentation and claim maximum deductions. They're paid low wages, so at year end they either do not file or they get a refund; therefore, they never really pay into the pot.

Why provide magnates for illegal immigrants, when our unemployment rate is high and many citizens in Kansas are without jobs, collecting unemployment and food stamps? Why provide easy access to citizenship, when many immigrants that come to the United States, collect our tax dollars to live here and cannot sufficiently live independently, without some form of compensation from the citizen? Let's look at this in a different way, but basically the same concept; a stranger comes to your door that shouldn't be at your door, telling you they are taking your job, then tell you they need a house, medical care, schooling and groceries and you will have to pay for it. Basically add an additional family to provide for. This is exactly what is happening right now, it has been for several years now, and it needs to stop now.

Immigration enforcement bills, have in the past, been either tabled in committees, or voted down by our legislators. It is time to listen to the Kansas Citizens and pass strong immigration legislation that will enforce laws

and provide our citizens the quality of life and what our Constitution states, "pursuit of happiness" they so deserve; not to those who come into our State unlawfully. The citizens of Kansas want our legislators to represent them. They want their jobs back and those that do have a job want to keep more of their hard earned money which will help provide for their families.

The money Kansas would be saving would be phenomenal. It will provide more dollars to our Government by reducing the need for our citizens to collect benefits that are necessary when out of work. The economy would have a major boost and more businesses would prosper by the citizens spending more. By enforcing e-verify the illegal aliens will leave our State, as it has shown to be true in other States and by withholding these magnets that draw them to our State, there will be attrition through enforcement or self-deportation. Just by taking this measure of requiring businesses to use E-Verify, our State and our citizens will again prosper and in turn, they will thank you for representing them well.

Mr. Chairman and Committee I urge you to vote "yes" on HB 2577.

Thank you.

HB 2578 – Immigration; enforcement of federal immigration laws; determination of citizenship; notification; exchange of information; indemnification; implementation; cooperative agreements.

Mr. Chairman, members of committee. I'm Renee Slinkard for Parker, Kansas, and I am a spokesperson for Kansas Citizens for Immigration Law Enforcement. We are in favor of HB 2578

Today I bring signatures from hundreds of citizens who want enforcement of immigration laws in Kansas and who see as I do the decline of our communities, quality of life and pursuit of happiness. The citizens of Kansas want a statutory requirement that Kansas Police Officers check immigration status of aliens during traffic violation stops.

Due to the current Federal administration's lack of desire to close the borders and honor our immigration laws, several States are enforcing laws that discourage illegal aliens from migrating and staying in those states.

However, many of the illegal aliens cross our borders who have committed crimes or if they haven't committed them they will after crossing our borders. The crimes can range from false or stolen identification, dealing drugs, human trafficking, domestic violence, rape, assault and battery, robbery, or a much more severe crime such as murder.

Those who oppose enforcing immigration laws in Kansas, use the excuse that we need to make a pathway to citizenship easier than our current immigration laws. My question to them is why would you provide an easy pathway to citizenship when the United States is vulnerable and at risk for high crime with open borders? Remember it only took 19 immigrants, in a matter of 40 minutes, to kill almost 3,000 people, and these immigrants were visa holders; that was in 2001; and, the borders are still open ten years later; we don't know who has crossed them and where they are, possibly in Kansas; after all, we are a magnet for entitlements to immigrants. Some will laugh and say, she is using the scare tactics with the "terrorist" comment. That may be, but yet who in New York would have thought in 2001 there would be a terrorist attack. Since 2001 we have been very fortunate; however, with our porous borders it only takes one unfortunate incident to become 9/11 all over again. Whether it is high crime or moderate crime by illegal aliens, the fact is, a crime is committed when they unlawfully enter our country. Another fact is, our borders are neglected by the federal government and this is a necessary reason to enforce strong Kansas Immigration Laws. The Border States are infiltrated with illegal aliens who have killed ranchers and Border Patrol officers, while at the same time Kansas farmers and ranchers are encouraging these immigrants to come here.

Some opponents of enforcing immigration laws may use the excuse that we cannot separate families; it would be inhumane. There does not need to be a separation of family. If the parents are citizens from another country, and the child is born in the United States, while that child is a minor, the responsibility of the parents is to return to their country with their children. This is the common sense, humane thing to do. Most families relocating or moving to another country take their children with them; it is not a separation of families when the family can return home in unity.

I am going back to the most important reason that illegal aliens should not be in Kansas in the first place, and that message is crime.

On the website www.ice.gov there are numerous crimes involving illegal aliens.

- 12-14-11 - WICHITA, Kan. — A Mexican national, posing as his U.S. citizen cousin, was indicted Wednesday and had his \$70,000 pickup truck seized as part of an investigation into document fraud and identity theft.
- 10-4-11 - WICHITA, Kan. - An illegal alien from Mexico was sentenced Monday to more than seven years in federal prison, to be followed by deportation, for selling guns, illegal drugs and counterfeit documents.

Below is my testimony of a more serious crime.

TESTIMONY

I am providing a testimony representing Dennis Bixby, Amanda Bixby's father. This case is the only one that I am personally familiar with and feel I can testify to because it happened in my neighborhood. However, there are other cases that have been reported in other areas of Kansas and some crimes or offenses have never been reported or solved. The following is my testimony:

Amanda Bixby, Age 19, was traveling West on 24-40 highway toward Tonganoxie when a vehicle operated by an illegal alien, Ricardo Flores, traveling from 158th Street North to 24-40 Highway intersection smashed into Amanda's car after running a stop sign. She died! He entered the country illegally, was driving without a license, couldn't read, and was speeding. Ricardo Flores was given six months of probation and a \$170 fine. The Prosecutors said they couldn't seek a case of vehicular homicide because, under Kansas Law, Mr. Flores' violations weren't enough to justify homicide.

This tragedy happened just down the street from where I lived in Basehor, Kansas. Today, at 158th St. and 24-40 intersection there is a Stop Sign with a flashing red light just above it. When traveling down the road and coming to a stop at that sign with the flashing red light, is a heart

aching reminder of that terrible tragedy. My thoughts are what if that would have happened to my own daughter and my grandchildren who travel 24-40 hwy. on a daily basis. Try to imagine yourself losing your child or a loved one by anyone voluntarily speeding and running a stop sign, but especially by someone who wasn't, by law, suppose to even be here.

Immigration enforcement bills, have in the past, been either tabled in committees, or voted down by our legislators. It is time to listen to the Kansas Citizens and pass strong immigration legislation that will enforce laws and provide our citizens the quality of life they are entitled to, not to those who come into our State illegally.

Frankly, we the citizens are fed up with the opposition that label Kansas citizens as inhumane when we are the victims; the victims of unemployment, the victims of our hard earned money taken from us and given to illegal aliens, and foremost we are the victims of crime.

Passage of this bill will prevent crime and restore a better quality of life and provide prosperity for our citizens and our State.

Mr. Chairman and committee we urge you to vote "yes" on HB 2578.

Thank you.