

From the desk of Joe Gardner

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Congresswoman Napolitano,

As you know, a crisis is looming at America's southern border, with thousands of migrants attempting to violently push their way into our country. It is clear they are intending to violate our laws and more importantly, trample on our sovereignty.

President Trump has advocated for immigration enforcement and border security to protect jobs for Americans and to protect our citizens from serious crimes committed by illegal immigrants. I ask that you support President Trump's lawful efforts to protect the homeland.

We know there are millions here illegally. It is estimated there are 12.5 million illegal immigrants. Three million are estimated to be in California alone. Consider the impact illegal immigration has on California taxpayers. The annual expenditure of state and local tax dollars on services for that population is \$25.3 billion. That total amounts to a yearly burden of about \$2,370 for a household headed by a U.S. citizen. That includes K-12 education, medical care, public assistance services, administration of justice functions, and general governmental services. Illegal immigration is a decades-old problem that must be addressed. Think of what could be done with that money... Perhaps it could fund efforts to solve the State's homeless problem or improve our economy to stop the flight of Californians to other states.

(source: <http://fairus.org/issue/publications-resources/fiscal-burden-illegal-immigration-california-taxpayers-2014>)

It is long past time for comprehensive immigration reform. We must protect our borders and homeland. We must conduct thorough vetting of all immigrants seeking legal status in our country and promptly remove criminal aliens from our communities. It is in our best interest to seek solutions to solve the issue of 12.5 million illegal aliens already here who seek the best of what our country offers. Reform must include assimilation such as allegiance to our Constitution, values and principles and full compliance to our laws. All immigrants must pull their own weight and stay off welfare. We must instill the learning of our English language. The Congress must create legislation to compel those here illegally to come forward, submit to the thorough vetting process and begin efforts to become full-fledged, taxpaying legal residents and citizens. They must take their place behind those legal immigrants who have diligently worked within the law to become citizens. Allow American citizens the opportunity to legally sponsor worthy migrants to become citizens.

You are my elected representative. I urge you to take bold action to either sponsor a bill that includes what is outlined above or work with other congressmembers to construct a sound and comprehensive solution to solve this monstrous problem in the interest of all Americans once and for all.

Sincerely,



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