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## ILLEGAL ALIEN BENEFITS, PROTECTIONS, AND ENTITLEMENT LEGISLATION FAILS TO OVERLOOK COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

The Alliance for Safe Communities has been concerned with the issues surrounding illegal immigration since its inception 5 years ago, both in our state and country. We are in agreement with many entities that illegal aliens present a threat to our communities safety in a variety of ways. To ignore these issues would be the equivalent of functioning “with blinders on” while ignoring what threats exist. There often seems to exist a universal disdain for the facts that we have immigration laws, that we consider ourselves a “nation of laws” and these laws should not be ignored. The fact of the matter is these laws are currently being ignored on a national and state level and by doing so empowers illegal aliens to function around the compliance, live, thrive, and at times commit crimes while living in the United States. We will look at a national “snapshot” at the closing of this article to illuminate to our readers illegal aliens currently living in our country who commit serious crimes with little or no consequence.

Thursday 5/24/15 , The Alliance for Safe Communities, Rhode Islander’s for Enforcement of Immigration, the Rhode Island Realtors Association, and Rhode Island Tea party were privileged to testify before a Senate Judiciary Committee and witness our state government engage in enabling illegals to thrive in our state. Most Senators, attorneys, and one Judge/Attorney vigorously challenged the testimony from all representatives opposing the legislation presented. Only one Senator, Senator Walter Gee questioned the Illegal Aliens regarding their illegal activities.

Rhode Islander’s for Immigration Law Enforcement considered the following four bills as “Illegal Alien Benefits, Protections, and Entitlement Acts”. Executive Director Terry Gorman assisted the Alliance in presenting a description of these bills for your review:

S059: sponsor, Senator Metts would prohibit Landlords from inquiring into the Immigration Status of applicants.

S387: sponsor, Senator Pichardo would prohibit Law Enforcement officials from inquiring into the Immigration Status of those reporting crimes.

S0391: sponsor, Senator Ciccone which would allow the RI DMV to issue Driving Privilege Licenses and Permits to those unable to prove they are in our state Legally as Illegal Aliens.

S434: sponsor, Senator Pichardo would allow the RI DMV to issue Drivers Licenses to applicants unable to prove they are in our country legally and are Illegal Aliens.

Obvious Conflicts with these bills:

S059: As if it were bad enough that currently many realtors, landlords, and property owners are not following through conducting criminal background checks to applicants: will the future include residents not knowing immigration status of their neighbors with no criminal data base offered statewide to track their international neighbors past misdeeds? Would landlords be held liable from ICE if their illegal immigrant tenants are arrested for criminal activities?

S387: Would this legislation offer immunity to witness of reporting crimes if they themselves were in fact involved in "said crimes" they report to law enforcement? In the case of they themselves committing unrelated crimes as an illegal alien resident in our state would those crimes be overlooked? What deals will yield from testimony in these cases.

S0391: An oxymoron We will give you a driver license to confirm you are in our state" Legally" while holding Illegal Alien Status.

S434: Another oxymoron: We will issue you a RI DMV Driver license to applicants unable to prove they are in our country legally thus considered to be classified as Illegal Aliens.

Need the obvious be stated for both these bills: You are an illegal alien therefore should not be enabled and rewarded with an entitlement to have a Driver License while you drive throughout our state, illegally breaking the law.

The Alliance concurs with RIILE director Terry Gorman's perception of how this committee conducted itself: "The Committee with the exception of Chairman McCaffrey, Senator Lynch, and Senator Walter Gee seemed to be interested in advocating for Illegal Aliens rather than asking questions regarding their illegal actions. Imagine no challenge to Illegal Aliens appearing before a state government body and testifying that they are illegally driving without a driver's license back and forth daily to their illegal employment".

Illegal aliens and their advocates put forth as a reason for their support of the legislation, "the fact that they were going to do it anyway". One illegal alien challenged a compliant supportive committee with the statement that his daughter and other's children present would listen and remember how senators would act on the legislation and if not in support, would be the "next generation to vote them out of their seats".

As Terry Gorman would state "So much for hiding in the shadows"!

The fact is many illegal aliens similar to those that filled the committee with signs, children, and demands are not in fact "living in the shadows". As stated earlier we will look at a national snapshot of those who while violating our laws by residing here illegally engage in illegal criminal conduct on a broad scale. For good reason perhaps these illegal aliens less discussed in the public media and forum can be perceived truly "living in the shadows".

The Government Accountability office released a 2013 report stated ICE released 2,837 convicted criminal alien sex offenders back into American Communities in order to comply with a Supreme Court decision that holding detainees longer than 6 mos. was unconstitutional unless there is significant likelihood of removal in the reasonably foreseeable future. The GAO reported 4,359 alien sex offenders who were removed from the country between June and August 2012 a total of 220 or 5% previously removed subsequently came back and committed another offense inside the United States. Review by reference cite.

In 2013 ICE released 68,000 criminal aliens or 35% of the total criminal aliens encountered by officers. This report submitted by the Center for Immigration Studies and can be reviewed by reference cite.

Resources regarding “Examples of Serious Crimes of Illegal Aliens” are clearly recorded by the Federation for American Immigration Reform dating 2013-2014, see reference cite.

In conclusion: I was “dumbfounded” with Senator Archambault’s inability to see the relevance of the fact that we were holding committee 2 years to the month of 6 year old Derek Johnson’s death in Providence Rhode Island. Derek while holding his mother’s hand enroute to the circus was “driven over” by 39 year old illegal alien, Andre Morales. Morales had an outstanding warrant to leave the country since 2009 from ICE. Morales intoxicated, attempted to drive away while dragging the child’s body, and then attempted to have a female companion switch seats with him at the scene. When I was asked if I thought Morales would have “stopped” if he had a license I emphasized “NO”. Given Morales criminal history dating back to 2003 including Domestic Assaults, driving without a license, and a broken criminal justice system that allowed him to remain illegally living in our state, committing crimes, we enabled and nurtured the monster he is. Mr. Morales was not hiding in any Shadows .

The Alliance cautions actions to be taken to enact laws to enable a population already living in our state illegally to obtain the rights of legal law abiding citizens and the entitlements and benefits that will surely broaden the constituent base of those who benefit from creating such laws.

All the bills discussed in our article were held for further study as of the night of committee.

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Interview with Executive Director Terry Gorman RIILE, Rhode Islander’s for Enforcement of Immigration Rhode Island

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