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SUPPORT A NEW IDEA

*Make wages and benefits paid to illegal immigrants
nondeductible for federal tax purposes.*

Dear Colleague,

In the 109th Congress, I sponsored the **New IDEA bill**, the *Illegal Deduction Elimination Act*. I am reintroducing this legislation in the 110th Congress, and would like you to co-sponsor this important piece of legislation.

The Illegal Deduction Elimination Act is the first new idea in immigration in a while. It makes wages and benefits paid to illegal immigrants nondeductible for federal tax purposes. New IDEA is serious about cracking down on illegal labor and leveling the playing field for law-abiding employers.

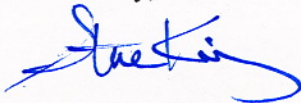
Safe Harbor: New IDEA gives employers "safe harbor" if they use the E-Verify program to confirm the employment eligibility of their workers. A participating employer can verify employment eligibility of all employees using E-Verify and will not be liable if an illegal employee was undetected when the verification program was used.

E-Verify: E-Verify (formerly known as the Basic Pilot/Employment Eligibility Verification Program) is an Internet-based system operated by the Department of Homeland Security in partnership with the Social Security Administration that allows participating employers to electronically verify the employment eligibility of their newly hired employees. E-Verify is free, voluntary and the best means available for determining employment eligibility of new hires and the validity of their Social Security Numbers. New IDEA improves E-Verify by making the program permanent and allowing E-Verify to be voluntarily used for existing employees, as well as new hires.

Information Sharing: Under New IDEA, the IRS, SSA and DHS will share information among such agencies to investigate and detect New IDEA violations.

To become a co-sponsor, please contact Luke Holst in my office at 5-4426, or Luke.Holst@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



STEVE KING

Member of Congress