

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Mr. Bonner,

As members of the Immigration Reform Caucus, we are writing to thank you for your opposition to any plan that would grant amnesty to illegal aliens.

The Administration's recent immigration proposal would allow those who broke our laws to remain here, apply for legal permanent residence, and become citizens. By definition, this is an amnesty program and we oppose it.

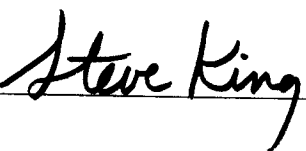
Past amnesty programs have not reduced illegal immigration; rather, they have increased illegal immigration. Amnesty rewards those who broke our laws, and thus encourages others to do the same. Our immigration policies should do the opposite – discourage lawbreakers by sending the message that illegal entry into the United States will not be rewarded.

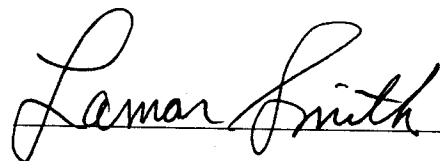
Also, amnesty or guest worker programs would provide potential terrorists with a way to enter and stay in the U.S., further endangering the lives of U.S. residents.

We cannot begin to imagine the frustration felt by United States Border Patrol agents in response to recent amnesty proposals. We are well aware of the dangers that you face on a day-to-day basis attempting to secure our borders. It is important that we continue to highlight the additional difficulties that you encounter when amnesty programs are proposed.

Be assured that we will continue to oppose any plan before Congress to provide amnesty to illegal aliens. We will also continue to support your efforts to secure our borders.

Sincerely,





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