



Oregonians For Immigration Reform

Advocating for an environmentally sustainable level of immigration

Governor Kitzhaber advocates giving driver licenses to illegal aliens

By Jim Ludwick

OFIR worked for 8 long years to finally get Senate Bill 1080 passed by the Oregon Legislature in 2008. The bill clearly states that only people *legally* in the U.S. could receive an Oregon driver license. At the time, Governor Ted Kulongowski was concerned that illegal aliens and potential terrorists were coming into Oregon in order to acquire driver licenses. On October 12, 2007, Kulongowski said the following:

“Oregon must tighten rules on driver’s licenses because the state has become a magnet for non citizens who want identification cards for nefarious purposes.” He then issued Executive Order NO. 07 – 22 directing the DMV to immediately revise and tighten the requirements for issuing driver licenses (November 16, 2007). “This legislation brings us in line with the majority of other states and ensures the integrity of Oregon driver licenses and identification cards.”

However, on **May 1st, 2012 Governor John Kitzhaber changed the game plan** and ordered the Oregon State Police to begin accepting the Mexican Matricula Consular ID card as valid identification. The Governor also **wants to pass a law that would allow illegal aliens to be able to receive an Oregon driver license.** The Governor’s rationale for these moves is to “bring more illegal aliens out of the shadows and contribute to our economic recovery.”

Having a Matricula card is in reality a tacit admission of being in the country illegally. A legal non-citizen would have a valid passport or visa and would not need a Matricula consular card issued in Oregon. In fact a person legally visiting in the U.S. would have to obtain a legal passport or visa *prior to entering the U.S.*

The FBI, in testimony before a House Subcommittee on Immigration, stated that **the Matricula card is not a reliable form of identification and poses, “major criminal threats and potential terrorist threats.”** Often, the card holders identity was not even verified when the card was issued. Police in jurisdictions that accept the Matricula ID are **less likely to run background checks** on card holders picked up on minor infractions. They could well be letting a dangerous criminal loose without even knowing it!

Think of the problem that this will present to Oregon State Police, if they pull over a speeding or drunk driver and they present a Matricula card. How can the trooper check his driving record? There is no driving record available on Matricula cards. Too many Oregonians have already been killed by drunk driving illegal aliens. Why doesn’t the Governor care about the victims?

As well, the most important document a **drug trafficker** can possess is a drivers license. If a state trooper stops someone transporting illicit drugs and the driver presents a driver’s license issued by the state, the trooper *may* lack probable cause to search the car for contraband. Why then, would Oregon’s Governor want to assist drug traffickers even further by once again providing them with a valid Oregon driver license?

You can help stop this dangerous move by our Governor

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SALEM STUDENT WINS OFIR'S FIRST ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

This spring, OFIR launched a scholarship program for Oregon college students and college-bound high-school seniors. Its goal: to get young Oregonians to think seriously about the impact of mass immigration, both legal and illegal, on their own and their nation's futures. First prize was \$1,000, awarded for the 2012-13 school year. The primary criterion in awarding the scholarship was applicants' response to these questions in a 1,000-word essay:

"Do you believe unchecked illegal immigration and excessive legal immigration will have a negative impact on your future? If so, why and in what way? What can you do, as a U.S. citizen, to ensure immigration laws are enforced, strengthened or changed?"



OFIR publicized the scholarship to its members, to public-school districts, to private schools, and to associations of parents of home-schooled children. News about the scholarship appeared in the *Statesman Journal*, Salem's daily newspaper, and *The Oregon VFW News*, the state newspaper of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

In early May, after reviewing a number of thoughtful essay submissions, OFIR's panel of judges selected the scholarship's first winner: Victoria Hittner of Salem. Victoria is a senior at Blanchet Catholic High School. In the fall, she will attend Baylor University in Texas, where she plans to study history and anthropology.

Victoria is a National Merit Scholar. She served on her school's student council and played on the varsity basketball and track teams. Recently, she helped organize a breast-cancer fundraising campaign whose proceeds were donated to the Salem Hospital. In her essay, Victoria argued that illegal immigration undermines constitutional government and the rule of law. She noted that illegal aliens take jobs from American workers, and that children here illegally siphon taxpayer resources that would best be used to educate American students.

OFIR's board of directors believes the scholarship program, in years to come, will continue to encourage Oregon's young people to think carefully about mass immigration's effect on their futures.

What is the value of an Oregonians for Immigration Reform membership?

It's being an integral part of the **only statewide organization** that works resolutely to stop illegal immigration and put an end to the efforts of politicians, paid advocates and businesses to legitimize the presence of illegal aliens.

Be a part of OFIR and be a part of the solution!

OFIR **educates** members, the general public and elected officials about illegal immigration and its negative impact on Oregon's economy and jobs, about its depressing effect on wages, about the increase in crime and the long-term degradation of the rule of law.

OFIR encourages members to read more about the many issues surrounding the topic of illegal immigration.

At OFIR meetings, OFIR hosts a wide variety of speakers on critical issues and encourages member input.

OFIR encourages members to be informative, not inflammatory, when sharing information with friends and family.

OFIR **watches, reports and testifies against harmful legislation** that would undermine our laws and draw even more illegal immigration into our state. OFIR proposes, reports, **supports and testifies in favor of good legislation** that will protect Oregon citizens from the negative impact of illegal immigration.

OFIR **participates in numerous events**, including speaking to other groups, in an effort to be accessible to the public and enabling citizens to collect up-to-date information, and to learn more.

OFIR is an **all-volunteer** group, and we encourage you to get involved, too.

What is an OFIR membership worth? You decide!

If you are already an OFIR member and have contributed your time and financial support, **thank you!**

If you would like to join, please fill out the membership form on the back of this newsletter, *or* register online.

THE PRESIDENTIAL OUTLOOK

By Elizabeth Van Staaveren

For the first time in many years, we have a Presidential candidate who seems to understand the harmful effects of illegal immigration, and is seriously interested in stopping it. Governor Mitt Romney, on track to become the official Republican candidate for President, has stated publicly and often, his opposition to amnesty, his support for mandatory E-Verify, securing the borders, local enforcement, and punishing business violators.

His grade by NumbersUSA is B-, while President Obama's grade is F-. These grades are based, for Romney, on public statements and his record as Governor of Massachusetts; for President Obama, on the dismal record of actions and non-actions during his Presidency.

www.numbersusa.com/content/action/2012-presidential-hopefuls-immigration-stances.html

Candidate Romney's grade is held to B- because he does not, so far, speak in favor of reducing overall immigration numbers, and he fails, apparently, to understand how corruption and large importations of foreign nationals in the so-called STEM fields have hurt U.S. citizens who could fill those positions just as well or better. Nevertheless, Romney is vastly preferable compared to Obama, the other major candidate.

Contact the Romney campaign at 857-288-3500 or online at: www.mittromney.com/forms/suggestions.

Give them your views, and encourage Romney to hold his strong line against illegal immigration.

You can read his issue paper on immigration at: www.mittromney.com/issues/immigration

Possible Vice-Presidential running mates for Romney are being discussed now. Some of them have very bad records on immigration. Please use the contact information above to tell Romney how critical it is to pick a VP who would support him on immigration issues, not contradict or weaken him.

President Obama has worked ceaselessly to hobble immigration law enforcement.

For example, the President has:

Enacted backdoor amnesty by administrative actions, in defiance of the Constitutional power of Congress to enact immigration laws. Decried that enforcement now almost entirely be limited to illegal aliens convicted of serious crimes other than immigration violations.

Issued new ICE memos **radically changing deportation policies** so that most illegal aliens' pending deportation cases are dismissed.

Made **false claims about the status of border security** and about statistics on deportations.

Sued states that attempted to protect their citizens by passing their own state immigration laws mirroring federal law, not preempting it, while allowing cities to enact sanctuary laws impeding federal enforcement.

Pushed the DREAM act favoring illegal aliens at the expense of U.S. citizen students.

Ignored the displacement of citizen workers by legal and illegal immigrants.

Mark your calendar...

OFIR's next meeting will be Saturday, October 6th, 2012 at 2:00pm

Senator Bruce Starr will be our special guest!

Senator Starr is running for Bureau of Labor and Industries Commissioner (BOLI)
Invite a friend or neighbor to join you.

The meeting will be held at the Best Western Mill Creek Inn
3125 Ryan Dr SE, just west of I-5 Exit 253, across from Costco in SALEM, Oregon

RECENT ACTION IN CONGRESS

It was an exciting day on September 21, 2011, when H.R. 2885, **The Legal Workforce Act**, passed out of the House Committee on the Judiciary.¹ This bill called for mandatory, nationwide use of E-Verify by all employers. It had originally been introduced as H.R. 2164, and upon revision, emerged as H.R. 2885.

After passing the House Judiciary Committee on a party line vote of 22 Republicans to 13 Democrats, the bill was referred to the House Education and Workforce Committee and to the House Ways and Means Committee. There the bill languished for months without any action, although Republicans control the House, and in recent decades, Republicans have supported immigration controls in substantially greater numbers than Democrats do.

In March 2012, Roy Beck's NumbersUSA began a major effort to uncover who was behind the holdup, concluding that Representative David Camp (R-MI), Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, was refusing to allow the bill to proceed, although he denied it. It also happened that others in House leadership were not actively supporting the bill.

Beck's organization began a TV ad campaign to try to persuade Representative Camp to move the bill, but so far the bill still sits in the Ways and Means Committee. **H.R. 2885 has 74 cosponsors**, and it is believed that if the bill were allowed to be voted on in the House, it would pass. Members of NumbersUSA contributed to the ad campaign and sent numerous faxes concerning the deadlock. If you have email and have not registered with NumbersUSA to receive their alerts and send free faxes to Congress, OFIR recommends that you do so at www.numbersusa.com

Several other good bills were introduced and supported by many of the newly-elected Representatives who arrived in Congress in January 2011, but none so far has passed. Some progress has been made by attaching amendments to other bills. Most recently, **on May 9 an amendment** to the Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Act was proposed by **Representative Diane Black (R-TN)** to **withhold funding for the Administration's lawsuit against Arizona and other states that have passed immigration laws**. The amendment passed in the House by 238-173, mostly because of the large Republican vote. Oregon's Representative **Greg Walden voted for the amendment**, while all our other Representatives voted against it: Bonamici, Blumenauer, DeFazio, and Schrader.

Like the corpse in horror movies that won't stay buried, reincarnations of the DREAM Act continue to appear. The latest is a tentative proposal by Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL). NumbersUSA subscribers already have been faxing him and others to press our objections. If this proposal shows signs of getting off the ground, OFIR will notify members, and we will mobilize for action.

Elections -- Prior to the November 2012 elections, OFIR plans to send, by email, available information on the immigration positions of all Oregon candidates for Congress and the State Legislature, and to post the information on the OFIR website.

Active OFIR members contribute in many ways by:

Writing **letters to the Editor** (LTE), very effective in getting information out to the general public and politicians.
Calling or **writing elected officials** or visiting them in person is highly recommended by OFIR.
Calling in to a talk show when illegal immigration is the topic, or a candidate is on the show.
Inviting a friend and attending a **town hall meeting**. Ask specific questions about immigration; E-Verify for example.
Researching candidates to find out their position on illegal immigration, ask them to post it on their website.
Supporting those candidates that are working to solve the problem. Joining NumbersUSA and learning more.
Donating time, expertise, ideas, contacts or cash so that OFIR volunteers can continue the fight every day.
Passing this newsletter along to a friend that you think would benefit from the information.
Inviting a friend, neighbor or relative to join you for the **next OFIR meeting**.

Saturday, October 6th at 2pm in Salem.

Senator Bruce Starr is running for Bureau of Labor and Industries Commissioner and will be our guest!

If you have access to a computer and email, visit the OFIR website at **oregonir.org** for more ideas and to join OFIR.

Behind the Scenes Border Tour an Eye Opener for OFIR President

By Cynthia Kendall

In February 2012 I travelled with three staff member from the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS) and five other citizens from every corner of the country on a week long, private, behind the scenes tour of the Arizona—Mexico border. CIS arranged for experts from multiple agencies to meet with us, travel with us and educate us on the problems faced by officials and local citizens.

The issue is much more complex than I had ever imagined. The first day of the tour I learned more about our problems on the border than I had learned in the past ten years. There are so many aspects that complicate the simple idea of just *building a fence*. First, who owns the land? Is it owned by the State or Federal government, an Indian Nation or is it privately owned? What is the land used for? Is it used for recreation, housing, business, farming, grazing, a wildlife refuge, national park or is it a highway or an air force range?



We learned about the policies and politics surrounding border security. The unending need for more resources to protect us from ever more sophisticated threats to our border were explained by officials all along our journey. Very clearly, areas that are better funded have fewer problems. But, the farther east one goes, into the more remote areas, the problems are worse and much more dangerous. Drug cartels and human smugglers have claimed much of this remote area as theirs. Cartels have well stocked outlook posts stationed everywhere in the desolate lands to keep smugglers apprised of the movement of Border Patrol agents. At one point, our group was within a quarter mile of an apprehension called a “dust up”. Very frightening, to say the least. Many park and refuge employees quit because of the feeling that they are constantly being watched. And they are!

Terrain is another issue complicating fence building. From sandscapes to cityscapes, from waterways to windy, remote hilltops, I was surprised at how difficult it is to actually *secure* an area. One agent explained that it is critical to have a three legged stool of border coverage; *agents, technology and infrastructure*. To be successful, all three must be available at all times. We were shown many different styles of fences such as pedestrian, vehicle barrier and Normandy style. Very little of the fence is actually *secure* as the picture to the right shows. Where would you attempt an illegal crossing?

The most disturbing site we visited was one of hundreds of “lay-up” areas. Human traffickers guide illegal crossers to one of these sites to wait for their rides into Tucson or points north. They are instructed to drop everything they brought with them to prepare for a tight fit in the pick-up vehicle. Garbage, human waste, backpacks, dirty diapers, drug paraphernalia, food wrappers and cans were scattered in the undergrowth. Authorities told us that these lay-up areas dot the remote areas of the southwest.



A gully a half mile long, filled six feet deep with garbage was recently discovered not too far away. Because such dumps are laden with a drug resistant form of TB, their cleanup has become an expensive proposition for Arizona taxpayers. Clearly, the message is mixed for those trying to get into the US. Armed guards wait at the borders, but our own Governor, as well as others, want them to *come out of the shadows and contribute to our economic recovery*. Immigrants consider: Is it worth the trip? Many think it is and will try and die, many more will try and succeed.

If you, or your group, are interested in an eye opening, detailed presentation, one you won't likely hear about elsewhere, of what is really happening on the Arizona-Mexico border contact OFIR at 503.435.0141.

Criminal Alien Population Grows in Oregon

By David Olen Cross

Foreign nationals (criminal aliens) committing crimes against Oregonians is a real concern for OFIR leadership. OFIR volunteers monitor alien crime across the state by looking at aliens with **Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) detainees** in the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) prison system and in county jails where information is available on prisoner immigration status.

Over the last four years (March 2008-2012), **the number and percentage of criminal aliens in the DOC prison system has grown substantially setting an all-time record on March 1, 2012 of 1,285 criminal aliens; 9.16% of the prison population** (See table).

Comparing DOC criminal alien incarceration numbers from March 1, 2008 (1,061 criminal aliens) and March 1, 2012 (1,285 criminal aliens), the DOC prison system incarcerated 224 more criminal aliens than it did on March 1, 2008, **a 21.11% increase in just four years** (See table).

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Month/Day/Year	DOC Total Inmates W/ICE detainees	DOC Inmates W/ICE detainees # Increase or (Decrease) from Previous Year	DOC Inmates W/ICE detainees % Increase or (Decrease) from Previous Year
March 1, 2008	1,061	_____	_____
March 1, 2009	1,165	104	9.80%
March 1, 2010	1,238	73	6.27%
March 1, 2011	1,261	23	1.86%
March 1, 2012	1,285	24	1.90%
Total		224	21.11%

Source: Research and Evaluation DOC Unit-ICE inmates lists 01 MARCH 08rft - 01 MARCH 12.rtf and Inmate Population Profile 01 MARCH 08 - 01 MARCH 12.

Looking at the 1,285 criminal aliens incarcerated on March 1st of this year in DOC prisons, from 12 of 36 Oregon counties, by number per county and percentage (%) per county equated to the following statistics: 87-Clackamas (6.77%), 18-Deschutes (1.40%), 54-Jackson (4.20%), 67-Lane (5.21%), 28-Linn (2.18%), 15-Malheur (1.17%), **288-Marion (22.41%)**, **293-Multnomah (22.80%)**, 23-Polk (1.79%), 24-Umatilla (1.87%), **245-Washington (19.07%)**, 35-Yamhill (2.72%), and 108-other (8.40%) for the remaining 24 counties.

OFIR leadership is particularly concerned about the victims of the horrific crimes perpetrated by alien criminals and the devastating impact on the victim and their families. This information often goes undocumented and unreported.

A review of the 1,285 criminal aliens in DOC prison population on March 1st, focusing on 10 of 15 DOC crime types, by numbers per crime and percentage (%) per crime equated to the following:

131-assaults (10.19%), 37-burglaries (2.88%), 32-driving offenses (2.49%), 190-drugs (14.78%), **153-homicides (11.91%)**, **54-kidnappings (4.20%)**, **183-rapes (14.24%)**, 88-robberies (6.85%), **228-sex abuses (17.74%)**, **93-sodomies (7.24%)**, and 96-others (7.47%), crimes of other types.

Looking at alien crime at the county level, OFIR monitors once a month criminal alien incarceration numbers at 10 county jails across the state. OFIR leadership uses alien crime numbers and statistics to **inform and educate elected officials** at the national, state, and county level for the purpose of recommending or supporting legislation to combat alien crime in the state.

David Olen Cross of Salem monitors foreign national crime across the state for OFIR. Hear David's crime report on the Lars Larsen show on Thursday afternoons.

To learn more about alien crime in Oregon, go to www.oregonir.org or *join the conversation* on our **Facebook page**.

The High Cost of Selective Compassion

Lyneil Vandermolen

If one dares to utter the words, “illegal alien,” rational people become indignant on behalf of those whom they believe are guilty of nothing but seeking the American Dream. Once they equate their sympathy with their personal virtue, they can’t allow themselves to admit illegal immigration could possibly hurt anyone.

The danger of a policy-by-virtue position is its blindness to the damage it inflicts on citizens who don’t qualify for the same consideration. The insidiousness of such selective compassion is the way it excuses and supports the mix of political corruption, unethical business practices, and ethnic narcissism that sanction illegal immigration and its dangers.

As a result, innocent Americans suffer daily in terms of ID theft, voter fraud, fiscal costs, unfair competition, drug dealing, sexual abuse, vehicular homicide, theft, murder, rape, and assault by a population that seems to be above reproach. Not every example of illegal alien criminality is a headliner, but each insult erodes our prosperity and security.

Take the case of S.V., a 25 year-old woman who was working at a Portland area stable in August 2011. She was still working at 10:00pm, when she walked into the women’s locker room, followed by an illegal alien who worked occasionally for the clients of a trainer at the stable. Jose Rosario Mendozalopez **had been deported three times** for drug possession. His last expulsion was in April 2009, but the trainer remembers him returning later that year.

S.V. didn’t notice Jose behind her until he slammed her against the lockers, pinning one of her arms behind her. As Jose clawed at her shirt, she grabbed him by the throat with her free hand and choked him until his face turned red and his eyes bulged. He finally released her, coughing and muttering in Spanish as she marched out of the locker room. Unfortunately for Jose, he had chosen a fairly assertive target, but the stable catered to many teenage equestriennes and young girls who may not have been able to escape from him had he attacked them.

The police found methamphetamine on Jose when they arrested him. He was housed at the Clackamas County Jail from August 23, 2011 until March 27, 2012, costing taxpayers \$23,870. Then he was moved to the Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution in Pendleton, where he will cost citizens another \$24,167 by the time he finishes his sentence on January 14, 2014. **The total cost for Jose’s incarceration will be \$48,036, not including indigent attorney fees, translators, transportation or health care.** If we multiply Jose’s example by the 1270 criminal illegal aliens currently in our state system and the 170 in the 15 county jails tracked by Oregonians for Immigration Reform, our bill soars to \$123,449 per day for their incarceration. That’s an annual bill of \$45,058,885 for Oregon taxpayers.

The human cost to their victims is incalculable. S.V. escaped relatively unscathed, but every day illegal aliens murder 12 citizens nationally and kill 13 more by drunk driving, according to a 2006 estimate by Congressman Stephen King of Iowa. Our peculiar indulgence of this lawless group perpetuates the carnage.

Following his release, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, (ICE), will transport Jose to its detainment center in Tacoma for what an ICE representative said will be a “99.9 percent certainty of another deportation, barring a national policy change.” That policy change may already be here, given President Obama’s recent executive order to cancel all scheduled deportations but for the most violent offenders. Whether a failed sexual assault falls into this category is hard to predict, given the federal government’s capricious immigration enforcement. At a projected cost of \$48,036 for seventeen months in prison, **Jose is a poster boy for the exorbitant price of this “cheap” labor.** Jose will cost Americans far more than he ever contributed to our economy, and he joins millions of other illegal aliens whose employers transfer their workers’ real costs and threats to the rest of us.

Lyneil is on OFIR’s Executive Board and serves as Secretary. She is also a Precinct Captain in Clackamas County.

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