Reminder: A benefactor has offered to pay travel expenses up to \$3000.00 per month for 9/11 family members to lobby for immigration reform. Therefore, if you are interested in participating in lobbying efforts in your state legislature or the Congress PLEASE don't be shy about talking to me about this. If you have the time and have recovered sufficiently from the shock of your loss to participate in lobbying and meetings, we could use your help.

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I can't emphasize enough that the more family members are heard from in the legislatures and the Congress, the more effective we will be.

Even if you are unable to travel, we need you to recruit other family members to join 9/11FSA, and non-family members to join as Friends of 9/11 FSA.

Some events coming up:

---The Million American March is being planned for Sept 6, 2004. This will be a protest rally against open borders designed to send a message to Bush and the Congress. I don't know much about it yet, but will keep you informed.

---Tom Tancredo is creating a group called AVIA, American Victims of Illegal Aliens. He is planning a rally of victims of illegal aliens. This has been scheduled for Sept 11,2003. I plan to go. The more 9/11 families attending, the better.

---We need to start organizing in various Congressional districts, especially in the NY, NJ, CT metro area. Nearly all the members from this area have bad to terrible records on immigration. It is important that we have a person in charge of each Cong. District. That person could be a non-family member if we can't get a family member to do it.

Events of the last few weeks:

Rep. Jeff Flake of Ariz., has introduced H.R. 655. It would bar federal agencies from accepting for any identification-related purpose a state-issued driver's license, or other comparable identification document, unless the document expires upon the expiration date of the alien's authorized period of stay in the United States. This is a very important bill in the fight against illegal immigration and terrorism. A delegation consisting of 9/11FSA members and members of Coalition for a Secure Driver's License met with him and promised our support.

However, Mr. Flake is also a prime sponsor of a bill that would grant amnesty to millions of illegal aliens in this country. Worse, it would promise amnesty to people to illegally enter the US IN THE FUTURE. As a final insult he calls this bill a "guest worker" program. This amounts to deceptive advertising. As one Congressman said: if a person breaks into your home and never leaves, is he a "quest?"

The conflicting natures of his bills suggest that he is a politician trying to score points with both sides.

Connecticut

I met with several members of the Connecticut legislature to discuss the failure to pass the bill to prohibit the issuance of drivers' licenses to illegal aliens. As a result of this meeting I am very confident that such a bill will pass in the next session.

However, we will need volunteers to contact legislators all over the state to keep the pressure on. We can be certain that our opponents will be doing the same. We cannot ignore the lobbying that will be important in passing driver's license reform.

If you can help in this effort, let me know.

Sen. Daily, the person who claimed the bill was an "over reaction to 9/11" also stated on the floor of the Senate that her brother in law was an illegal alien truck driver. There seems to be some question, based on her remarks, as to whether this man is now legal or not.

Much as I personally would like to go after this woman in a public way, in order not to alienate her fellow Democrats we are going to have to be low key. However, there is nothing wrong with people in her part of the state developing opposition to her continued presence in the legislature. Those of you in southeastern Conn. might wish to become involved in this effort.

On June 23-25 I was lobbying members of House of Reps. They were all people who have demonstrated some support for immigration reform in their votes, but who are not leaders in the effort. If anyone knows people who live in their districts, it would be helpful if we could get someone local to organize some support. The members are: Sue Myrick, 9th Dist, N.C.; Shelly Moore Capito, 2nd Dist., W.Va.; Tom Feeney, 24th, Florida; Spencer Bacchus, III, 6th, Ala.; Todd Tiahrt, 4th, Kan.; Kevin Brady, 8th, Tex.

Also visited was Bob Simmons, 2nd, Conn. His district is the eastern half of the state. There are a number of 9/11 families in his district, but his support for immigration reform is not very strong.

On June 24, there was a vote on the floor of the US House on the Tancredo Amendment to HR2555. The bill is the appropriations authorization for the Homeland Security Dept. The bill will

distribute billions in homeland security aid to states and localities. As you know, some local governments have a noncooperation policy in regards to illegals. This means that they will not turn over the names of illegals to US immigration authorities, even for example, when these illegals are convicted of crimes and then released. The Tancredo Amendment would have denied Homeland Security funds to states and localities that refuse to cooperate with the federal government in dealing with illegals.

His amendment was defeated.

Below is the roll call vote on this amendment.

People who are concerned about US security voted "aye" on the amendment.

Those who voted "NO" were responding to pressure from the illegal immigrant lobby, immigration lawyers, and employers who want to replace American workers with cheaper illegals.

This was an important recorded vote. Please check to see how your Representative voted. If the vote was "aye" a thank you letter would be helpful. If the vote was "NO" a strongly worded letter is called for.

Regards, Peter

FINAL VOTE RESULTS FOR ROLL CALL 309

(Republicans in roman; Democrats in *italic*; Independents underlined)

HR 2555 RECORDED VOTE 24-JUN-2003 9:20 PM

AUTHOR(S): Tancredo of Colorado Amendment **QUESTION:** On Agreeing to the Amendment

	AYES	NOES	PRES	NV
REPUBLICAN	102	122		4
DEMOCRATIC		199		6
INDEPENDENT		1		
TOTALS	102	322		10

AYES 102			
Aderholt	Garrett (NJ)	Pence	
Akin	Gingrey	Peterson (PA)	
Bachus	Goode	Petri	

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Bartlett (MD)	Gutknecht	Putnam
Barton (TX)	Hayes	Ramstad
Blackburn	Hayworth	Rehberg
Boozman	Hefley	Rogers (AL)
Brady (TX)	Herger	Rogers (KY)
Burns	Hoekstra	Rohrabacher
Burton (IN)	Hostettler	Royce
Buyer	Hulshof	Ryun (KS)
Cantor	Hunter	Schrock
Carter	Hyde	Sensenbrenner
Chabot	Isakson	Sessions
Coble	Istook	Shadegg
Collins	Jenkins	Shays
Cox	Johnson, Sam	Shimkus
Crane	Jones (NC)	Shuster
Culberson	King (IA)	Smith (MI)
Davis, Jo Ann	Kingston	Smith (TX)
Deal (GA)	Lucas (OK)	Stearns
DeLay	Manzullo	Sullivan
DeMint	McInnis	Tancredo
Doolittle	Mica	Taylor (NC)
Duncan	Miller (FL)	Tiahrt
Emerson	Miller, Gary	Toomey
Everett	Musgrave	Vitter
Feeney	Myrick	Wamp
Flake	Neugebauer	Weldon (FL)
Forbes	Norwood	Whitfield
Franks (AZ)	Otter	Wicker
Gallegly	Paul	Wilson (SC)

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Abercrombie	Goss		Nethercutt

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Alexander	Green (TX)	Northup
Allen	Green (WI)	Nunes
Andrews	Greenwood	Nussle
Baca	Grijalva	Oberstar
Baird	Gutierrez	Obey
Baldwin	Hall	Olver
Ballance	Harman	Ortiz
Ballenger	Harris	Osborne
Bass	Hart	Ose
Beauprez	Hastings (FL)	Owens
Becerra	Hastings (WA)	Oxley
Bell	Hensarling	Pallone
Bereuter	Hill	Pascrell
Berkley	Hinchey	Pastor
Berman	Hinojosa	Payne
Berry	Hobson	Pearce
Biggert	Hoeffel	Pelosi
Bilirakis	Holden	Peterson (MN)
Bishop (GA)	Holt	Pickering
Bishop (NY)	Honda	Pombo
Bishop (UT)	Hooley (OR)	Pomeroy
Blumenauer	Houghton	Porter
Blunt	Hoyer	Portman
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Bonilla	Issa	Quinn
Bonner	Jackson (IL)	Radanovich
Bono	Jackson-Lee (TX)	Rahall
Boswell	Janklow	Rangel
Boucher	Jefferson	Regula
Boyd	Johnson (CT)	Renzi
Bradley (NH)	Johnson (IL)	Reyes
Brady (PA)	Johnson, E. B.	Reynolds
Brown (OH)	Jones (OH)	Rodriguez

Brown (SC)	Kanjorski	Rogers (MI)
Brown, Corrine	Kaptur	Ros-Lehtinen
Burgess	Keller	Ross
Burr	Kelly	Rothman
Calvert	Kennedy (MN)	Roybal-Allard
Camp	Kennedy (RI)	Ruppersberger
Cannon	Kildee	Rush
Capito	Kilpatrick	Ryan (OH)
Capps	Kind	Ryan (WI)
Capuano	King (NY)	Sabo
Cardin	Kirk	Sanchez, Linda T.
Cardoza	Kleczka	Sanchez, Loretta
Carson (IN)	Kline	Sanders
Carson (OK)	Knollenberg	Sandlin
Case	Kolbe	Saxton
Castle	Kucinich	Schakowsky
Chocola	LaHood	Schiff
Clay	Lampson	Scott (GA)
Clyburn	Langevin	Scott (VA)
Cole	Lantos	Serrano
Cooper	Larsen (WA)	Shaw
Costello	Larson (CT)	Sherman
Cramer	Latham	Sherwood
Crenshaw	LaTourette	Simmons
Crowley	Leach	Simpson
Cummings	Lee	Slaughter
Cunningham	Levin	Smith (NJ)
Davis (AL)	Lewis (CA)	Snyder
Davis (CA)	Lewis (GA)	Solis
Davis (FL)	Lewis (KY)	Souder
Davis (IL)	Linder	Spratt
Davis (TN)	Lipinski	Stark
Davis, Tom	LoBiondo	Stenholm
DeFazio	Lofgren	Strickland
DeGette	Lowey	Stupak

Gillmor	Nadler		Young (FL)
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Gordon	Neal (MA)		
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Brown-Waite, Ginny		John	Weldon (PA)
Conyers		Skelton	Young (AK)
Cubin		Smith (WA)	
Gephardt		Udall (CO)	