## Newsletter 9/11 Families for a Secure America

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June 16 and 17, 2004 9-11fsa President Peter Gadiel and Board Members Jeff Namm together with other members of 9-11fsa and many other 9-11families attended the 9/11 Independent Commission hearings.

After the hearings Peter and Bruce met with a commission staff member and communicated our concerns that the commission needs to address issues on boarder security, drivers license reform, and the impact that the millions of illegal aliens have on the ability of our government to protect us from future acts of terrorism. The staff person sat with us and listened intently for 3/4 of an hour. The staff person was patient and congenial but we were not given any assurances.

Following the hearings we joined D.A. King, founder of <u>The American Resistance Foundation</u> in a demonstration at a Washington D.C. hotel were Senator Richard Durbin co-sponsor of the Dream Act was being presented an award from MALDEF. Due to the attention given to our protest the guests and honorees used the back door.

While in Washington Peter Gadiel and Bruce also met with the great <u>Congressman Mr.</u> <u>Tom Tancredo</u> (R.-Colorado).

Our visit to Washington culminated with a visit to Numbers USA headquarters where we met with Roy Beck, Rosemary Jenks and Rikki Horton wonderful people who have been working on the hill for many years to stem the flow of the illegal immigration tidal wave. Together we discussed many issues of common interest and we will be working closely on many important issues of mutual interest.