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FROM AROUND THE NATION, GOOD NEWS ON THE IMMIGRATION REFORM FRONT

GraceGodshalk, a member of the 911 FSA Board of Directors was prominently mentioned in a USA Today column by Michelle Malkin on what Ms. Malkin describes as a new political element: "security moms." That is, parents who are concerned by our government's failure to protect its citizens from massive illegal immigration and the terrorism that open borders permits. Ms. Malkin quotes Grace saying that it is her "lifetime job to put an end to terrorism so no one else ever has to live this nightmare." Bonnie Eggle, whose son Kris, a 28 year old US Park Ranger was murdered on the border, notes in the same article that her son would not have been killed had the government committed sufficient resources to patrolling the border. Bonnie is a Friend of 9/11FSA.

In early August, just days after the 9/11 Commission issued its report, three 9/11 family members, Sally Regenhard, Beverly Eckert and Robin Weiner testified for an hour and a half before the House Government Reform Committee on the necessity for Congress to quickly enact the recommendations of the Commission.

All three were very impressive and moving witnesses. They spoke of the dangers inherent in failure to enact the Commission's reforms and of the negligence on the part of our government as revealed in the Commission's Report.

Sally is a member of the Board of Directors of 9/11 FSA. Sally and Beverly both testified that illegal immigration was a crucial factor which allowed AlQaeda to send its killers to the US and murder our loved ones and stressed that the hijackers had sixty-three US issued drivers' licenses among them.

It was gratifying to see some Congress members on the Committee, who have been among the most dangerous supporters of open borders, clamoring to have the 9/11 families keep after them to enact the Commission reforms as soon as possible.

It will be interesting to see them backtracking from this position when the open borders profiteers and campaign contributors discuss the facts of life with them.

Good news is rolling in from around the country. Is the tide turning in our favor?

Despite massive resistance from those who benefit from illegal immigration, there are many clear signs that the tide is turning in favor of strengthening America's anti-terrorism campaign with increased border security.

I. Arizona's PAN Initiative

The most important recent development has been that the Preserve Arizona Now initiative obtained over 190,000 signatures and will almost certainly be qualified to appear on the November ballot. The initiative will enact into law three basic concepts that for many decades were accepted as natural, fundamental, and essential to American society and government:

1. Proof of citizenship must be presented when registering to vote.
2. Proof of identity must be presented when voting.
3. All employees of the state, its counties, and municipalities must require applicants for non-federally mandated public benefits to provide proof of eligibility (i.e. citizenship or legal residence in the US).
4. The initiative also requires state employees to cooperate with federal immigration officials.

It seems insane that the people of the State of Arizona must actually force their elected officials and employees to do these things, but that is the case. In fact, the following officials publicly opposed the initiative: Gov. Janet Napolitano, Sens. John McCain and John Kyl, US Representatives Flake, Kolbe, Udall, Grijalva, Hayworth.....

By opposing PAN these politicians show they favor allowing illegal aliens to vote, allowing illegals to take advantage of all state welfare benefits, and that they want to block enforcement of laws against illegal immigration.

A poll commissioned by KAET-TV and the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism at Arizona State University showed 74% of Arizonans support the initiative. Strong majorities of every demographic group tested, all races, income levels, educational level, political party, etc, favor PAN. (See www.azcentral.com/news/articles/0721poll-azissues21-ON.html)

For more information on PAN go to www.pan2004.com

II. Representative John Culberson of Texas succeeded in adding an amendment to the Transportation-Treasury Appropriations bill which blocks the Treasury Department from using any funds to establish rules that would permit US banks to accept “matricula cards.”

In 2003, the FBI testified to Congress that the Mexican Matricula (consular) cards are a threat to national security because of the complete inability and unwillingness of the Mexican government to verify the identity of those to whom it issues the cards. The cards are popular with corporations which make huge profits by acting as agents for illegal aliens who send money out of the US. This drains over \$30 billion per year from the US economy and is of course as easily used by terrorists as ordinary illegals. (The major profiteers in this business of undermining the US, include Bank of America, Citibank, Wells Fargo, etc and First Data Corp, owner of Western Union). The cards allow the profiteers to pretend that they are requiring “valid ID.” Mr. Culberson has been told by Texas law enforcement officials that people of Middle Eastern decent have used Hispanic surnames to enter the United States undetected.

The threat presented by these cards is clear, yet the Treasury Department, responding to the demands of the banking industry had planned to establish rule permitting the banks to use these fake ID cards as the basis of transactions.

The vote took place the day before the 9/11 Commission released its report. Twenty-six members voted for the Culberson language and US security, but twenty-five voted against. and the battle is not over since the Culberson language could be removed in House-Senate conference before the final version of the bill is passed.

III. In-state tuition for illegals in Kansas challenged in court

Kansas enacted legislation this year that allows illegal aliens to go to taxpayer supported colleges at in-state tuition rates. This is a violation of federal law, and several out of state students who are US citizens and attend Kansas colleges have filed in federal court to force the state to grant them the same privileges as those who violate the law. The Kansas Attorney General has recused himself from defending the case for the state because he believes that the student-plaintiffs' contentions are correct: the Kansas law is in violation of federal law.

IV. Immigration Reformer Kris Kobach won his primary in Kansas 3rd C.D and will challenge incumbent Congressman Dennis Moore who has repeatedly voted to undermine US security with his votes promoting illegal immigration. Kobach is also the lead attorney in the suit challenging the legality of the Kansas in-state tuition bill.

V. Gov Mitt Romney of Massachusetts vetoed a bill passed by the legislature that would have granted in-state tuition rates to illegals.

VI. The 9/11 Independent Commission addressed the issue of illegal immigration, secure ID, drivers' licenses and the role of states and localities in enforcing immigration laws as part of the anti-terror effort.

VII. The Michigan Supreme Court ruled that illegal aliens who lie about their status cannot collect workman's compensation benefits after their employers discover their illegal status.

VIII. The Texas Attorney General ruled that hospitals in Texas do not have to provide preventive care to illegals. Illegals often cross the border for the specific purpose of obtaining free routine care at emergency rooms. These costs are then passed on to Americans and their insurers. Emergency care will continue to be provided.

IX. In a development both bad and good, (but mostly good) the Federal government is offering one billion dollars of compensation to hospitals which provide care to illegals. However, to get the money the hospitals must ask about immigration status. The illegal alien lobby is very disturbed, and with good reason. This clearly forms the basis for collecting information leading to deportation.

X. Just arrived is the good news that immigration reformer Tom Price has won his primary in Georgia's 6th Congressional District. Since he has no opposition in the general election, he will be the next Representative from that district.

It is rare that the illegal alien lobby provides us with a humorous quote, but a Tennessee immigration lawyer Jose Gonzales has done exactly that. Gonzales is not happy about Tennessee's new law which give illegals a "driving certificate" and has filed a suit in federal court claiming that the law discriminates against illegal aliens. Gonzalez was quoted as follows in the

Nashville Tennessean on July 13: "Despite their assertion that homeland security is a compelling interest, I think their real reason for this law is that they don't like illegal aliens getting driver's licenses."