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**THE RECENT ELECTION AND THE MOVEMENT  
TO SECURE AMERICA'S BORDERS**

The open borders lobby and its allies have tried to make the case that the Democratic victories in the November elections and their assumption of control of both houses of the Congress are also a defeat for the secure borders movement. Nothing could be further from the truth. Although some staunch allies such as Republicans including Senator Jim Talent of Missouri and Rep. John Hostettler of Indiana were defeated, their replacements campaigned on very strong secure borders platforms. At the same time, open borders Republicans like Sen. Mike DeWine (Ohio), Sen. Lincoln Chafee (R.I.) and Rep. Jim Leach (Iowa) also were beaten

What happened in Indiana provides an interesting and very promising example. Three incumbent Republicans were defeated (Chris Chocola, John Hostettler and Mike Sodrel), but all the Democrats (Joe Donnelly, Brad Ellsworth and Baron Hill) who are replacing them campaigned on hard line secure borders platforms. In Illinois, where Henry Hyde retired from his 6<sup>th</sup> District seat west of Chicago, Republican Peter Roskam beat Democrat Tammy Duckworth. Mr. Roskam was one of the strongest supporters of the successful bid to pass legislation banning issuance of drivers' licenses to illegals. 9/11 FSA members worked closely with him and others of both parties on the licensing issue. The defeated Duckworth favored amnesty.

In Iowa's First District, Jim Nussle retired and the Republican running for the seat, Mike Whalen, is a restaurant owner who had the strong backing of the National Restaurant Association in both the primary and general election. That group is of course represents those who are among the worst violators of immigration laws in the US. Whalen was defeated by Democrat Bruce Braley whose stance on immigration could not have been any stronger even if it had been written by the 9/11 FSA members.

Democratic Sen. Robert Byrd of West Virginia and Rep. Lincoln Davis of Tennessee also won, with over 66% of the vote.

One of the biggest losers in the entire election was President Bush whose position on open borders is quite extreme. With the Democratic takeover of both houses of Congress, Bush has become the lamest of lame ducks. Virtually every Democratic candidate in the country, recognizing the unpopularity of the President, tied his or her Republican opponent to Mr. Bush. Thus, Republicans in the Congress who survived the election recognize that they owe little political allegiance to the man who led their party

to disaster, and any power that the President formerly had to force reluctant Congressional Republicans to support his open borders policies has disappeared.

On the Democratic side, secure borders Congressmen now represent a far larger portion of that party's membership in the House than ever before. This means there is new opportunity for the secure borders activists around the country to weaken the open borders lobby's dominance of the Democratic Party.

More than ever, 9/11 FSA, as a strictly non-partisan organization, will be on Capitol Hill again working with members of both parties to push for the legislation and the enforcement of existing laws that will help prevent future terrorist attacks.

Below are the positions on immigration of several of the victorious Democrats cited in the Newsletter.

**Brad Ellsworth:** We face a national crisis when it comes to illegal immigration. The honest truth is that part of it is our own making. When we capture illegals here in Vanderburgh County, my deputies call INS and INS tells them there's no place to put them. That's not right. It's also not right when an Indiana employer passes over an American for a job only because an illegal worker is cheaper. We need to tighten our borders, enforce the laws we have, and punish employers who break them. This is about economic security as much as it is national security.

**Joe Donnelly:** I do not support amnesty. Border security is crucial to solving the immigration problem and is a serious national security concern. I support more border agents, increased funding for surveillance and fencing that will prevent immigrants from illegally entering our country. I also support enforcing employment law which this administration has failed to do. For too long, this Congress has talked about immigration and failed to pass comprehensive immigration reform. That's why we need change in Washington.

**Bruce Braley:** *It is high time that Congress does something to address the problem of immigration. Congressional deadlock and partisan bickering in Washington have prevented anything from being done. It is time to put differences aside and work towards a solution that encompasses the following points:*

**Secure Our Borders.** Bruce believes that it is high time to secure our international borders—it's a matter of national security. More needs to be invested in beefing up security along our borders.

**Enforce the Law, Hold Corporations Accountable for Hiring Undocumented Workers.** Bruce believes that it's time to get tough when enforcing our immigration laws. Immigration law enforcement is currently too lax: in 2004, only three companies out of 5.5 million in the US were penalized for employing undocumented workers. To stop illegal immigration, we must stop allowing corporations to skirt minimum wage and safety laws by employing undocumented workers.

**No Amnesty.** Bruce believes that undocumented workers should not be granted amnesty. Tough, punitive fines need to be assessed to immigrants to reflect the fact that they are in the country illegally.

