



9/11 Families for a Secure America
The families and victims of the September 11, 2001
terror attacks and other violent crimes committed by illegal aliens
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Review of 2007

9/11 FSA Played a Major Role in the Battle To Ban Drivers' Licenses for Illegal Aliens And The Unknown Terrorists & Violent Felons among Them.

It has long been a primary goal of the illegal alien lobby to win the right for illegals to get US issued drivers' licenses, because these enable them to evade immigration authorities and to take more jobs from Americans. Of course, issuing licenses to illegals means that terrorists and violent felons will also be able to get them, and thus a good deal of 9/11 FSA's time has been devoted to lobbying for an end to licensing illegals.

Happily in 2007, four states (North Carolina, Tennessee, Oregon and Michigan) which had been issuing licenses to illegals reversed course and ended that practice. 9/11 FSA members had on numerous occasions lobbied legislators and the public in N.C., Tenn., and Mich. for such a ban and these states finally acted in early 2008. Although we did not lobby in Oregon the ban in that state was a direct result of our highly publicized work in New York in defeating Gov. Eliot Spitzer's attempt to license illegals in his state. [1]

Our successful campaign to defeat Gov. Spitzer's insane licensing scheme was covered by, among others, the NY Times, NY Post, Washington Times, Associated Press, CNN, Fox News Channel as well as newspapers and radio talk shows across the Nation.

In his gubernatorial campaign in 2006 Spitzer had promised the illegal alien lobby that if elected he would reverse the noble work of his predecessor, George Pataki, who had made New York's licenses the most secure in the country. In January of 2007, immediately after Spitzer took office, 9/11 FSA joined in a press conference with State Senator Martin Golden at New York City Hall to warn Spitzer that his plan would lead to more terrorist attacks like those of 9/11.

In September, Spitzer announced that he would immediately send letters to the 150,000 illegals whose licenses had been revoked by the Pataki administration to inform them that they could renew their driving privileges; by the beginning of 2008 he would offer licenses to all other illegals in the State.

9/11 FSA immediately issued a public warning to Spitzer that if he succeeded, inevitably terrorists and violent felons would obtain licenses and use them to facilitate acts of violence. We stated that when those events occurred the governor would have the blood

of the victims on his hands and we would hold him publicly responsible.

Our rebuke to Spitzer gained enormous New York and national attention, and was read to him (to his great displeasure) at the press conference where he formally announced the scheme.

The press coverage of the controversy forced the presidential candidates to address the issue, and when Hillary Clinton attempted to put herself on both sides of the debate 9/11 FSA offered a reward of \$1000.00 to anyone who could get a straight yes or no answer from her. Our reward succeeded in embarrassing Clinton and drawing yet more national coverage to the dangers of licensing illegals. [2]

On November 15 Spitzer announced he was abandoning his scheme.

To a very significant degree 9/11 FSA's aggressive response was the reason Spitzer failed in his attempt to license illegals.

After The Victory in New York

Oregon, Michigan and Maryland Soon Followed Suit

New York was pivotal in the battle over illegal alien licensing. Had the open borders lobby been victorious it is certain that many other states would have also begun to license illegals. However, as a result of our victory in New York, Oregon and Michigan, soon announced their own bans on the licensing of illegals.

Oregon

On November 16, *one day after* Spitzer's surrender, Oregon's Democratic Gov. Ted Kulongoski issued an executive order which ended that state's longstanding policy of licensing of illegals. Kulongoski stated that "[t]here is an increasing concern, based on ongoing investigations, that Oregon is becoming a safe haven' for unlawfully obtaining identification."

Interestingly, just the day before, on November 15, prior to Spitzer's public surrender Kulongoski had publicly reaffirmed his intention to *continue* to license illegals claiming that 'it saves lives if they [illegals] go through the licensing process.'

We think it is safe to say that the Oregon governor's decision to end licensing of illegals, correct though it was, was based not on any sudden discovery of the dangers to public safety but rather because of his recognition of the danger to his political future.

Michigan

On December 27, the Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox issued an official opinion which, in his state has the effect of barring illegals from obtaining licenses. Reversing the 1995 ruling of a previous Attorney General, Cox noted that "recent developments in state and federal law, as well as the changing imperatives of national security since [1995] warrant a reexamination of this subject." Michigan law, he noted, restricts issuance of licenses to *residents* of the state, and that illegal aliens cannot fall within that classification.

MARYLAND

On January 15, 2008, Maryland's Democratic Gov. Martin O'Malley shocked the ACLU

and the La Raza mob by announcing that he would soon begin requiring proof of legal presence of driver license applicants. During his campaign for the governorship O'Malley had made a pledge to the open borders lobby in his state that he would never require illegals to expose themselves by such a requirement, but the parade of states recognizing the force of public demand, left Maryland as one of the few remaining Eastern states leaving this terrorist and criminals' loophole in its law.

In summary, based on our very limited resources, we believe that 9/11 Families for a Secure America had a remarkable record of achievement in 2007 and we hope that we can continue to contribute to the effort to secure America 's borders in 2008.

[1] In Tennessee our work had been so effective that the rabidly pro-illegal alien Nashville Tennessean (part of the Gannett chain) attempted to undermine our efforts by calling 9/11 families "an outside interest."

[2] It appears, as of this moment that Hillary is opposed to licensing illegals