

Gov. Spitzer must be living in a different world than the rest of us, a world which there were no 9/11 attacks and Moslem extremists did not use dozens of American drivers' licenses to commit mass murder. In his world the World Trade Center still stands and 3000 innocent people, including my son, were never murdered.

That Mr. Spitzer inhabits this happy fantasyland is the only way to explain him ignoring the reality that drivers licenses played essential roles in allowing the 9/11 terrorists to carry out their plot. It is the only way to explain his desire to give licenses to massive numbers of illegal aliens, and inevitably, to the unknown terrorists and violent felons among them.

But most Americans dwell in the real world, and we know these horrible things did happen and we know that his scheme will help future terrorists to murder again.

In a feeble attempt to reassure us the governor in effect says: 'Trust me. Terrorists and violent felons will not be able to get NY licenses.' He doesn't deserve our trust. For starters he will offer to restore licenses to 150,000 illegal aliens whose licenses were revoked because they lied on their applications. Does he really think we're dumb enough to believe that he's going to verify the papers, identity and backgrounds of these 150,000 when they descend en masse on County Clerks' and DMV offices carrying documents from 190 nations around the world? And the governor estimates ½ to one million illegals in the state. What happens when additional hundreds of thousands of illegals apply for licenses?: More chaos and more licenses for the next group of Mohammed Attas.

Let me remind the Senate that in 1986 when Ted Kennedy and Chuck Schumer were promoting a nationwide amnesty for illegals they claimed that at most 1 million illegals would be eligible. Because of underestimation and fraud in the process over 3 million were granted amnesty. With that precedent in mind it's safe to assume the true number of illegals in NY is 1.5 to 3 million. Recall too that among those given amnesty were the terrorists who later participated in the first WTC attack and the NYC Landmarks Plot.

The Governor also claims that giving licenses to illegals will improve road safety. This is utterly false.

The Senate should inform itself of what happened in Tennessee and N.C. when they offered licenses to illegal aliens. Illegals from around the nation flooded into those states obtain licenses, and they were aided by forged state residency documents provided by organized gangs. The result was disaster: Fraud in DMV offices skyrocketed; highway injuries and deaths caused by illegals increased dramatically. In many instances illegals responsible for accidents left the scene and disappeared and many were found to have discontinued their insurance the moment they had their license and registrations in hand.

Because of this even the politicians who had fought the hardest to pass the laws permitting illegal alien licensing, including Tennessee's Democratic governor Bredesen, did a complete about face and repealed the law they had been responsible for.

I haven't the time here to debunk all falsehoods that the illegal alien lobby uses to support licensing lawbreakers, so I have provided you with a document drafted by 9/11 Families for a Secure America that does.

I will only address those that are the most offensive.

First, The governor and his allies in the ACLU and New York Times among others call opponents of his scheme "racist." Yet among 9/11 FSA members are many people of Irish, Russian, Polish, Chinese, Korean, Hispanic or African descent. If we were "racist" we'd have to hate our own families and ourselves.

Some of those supporting the Governor actually have the audacity to say that drivers licenses have nothing to do with terrorism. This would be funny, were not for the

fact that human lives have been lost and will be lost because of this attitude. That any public official would make such a ridiculous statement demonstrates the extraordinary wealth and power of the illegal alien lobby.

The Governor and his allies claim we are "anti-immigrant." This is a lie. Nearly all 9/11 FSA members are themselves the children or grandchildren of immigrants...LEGAL immigrants. It is the policy in all 50 states to grant licenses to LEGAL immigrants, and we fully support that. But illegal aliens are not immigrants. They are people who have broken the law.

For example: My father was a German Jew, born in 1906 and my mother a German Protestant. They were both actively anti-Nazi and had to flee to France where they married in violation of Germany's race laws. They were separated by the war and my father managed to get a U.S. visa, arriving here in 1940 officially classified by the State Department as a "stateless person." He was not given permission to remain in the US until after very thorough FBI interviews and investigations of him were completed. They even had a psychiatrist interview him to evaluate the truth of his story. He used to say the FBI "practically looked under my fillings to make sure I wasn't a German agent."

I asked him if, since he was Jewish and an active anti-Nazi, he was offended that the FBI would question him so carefully. His answer was: "Not at all! I was happy they were so careful. I came to this country to be safe and I didn't want German agents getting into the US any more than Pres. Roosevelt did."

How sadly ironic it is that his grandson, my son, died because the Clinton-Bush Administration, now joined by Eliot Spitzer, abandoned the policy of protecting Americans from dangerous aliens.

Finally, I want to repeat a statement I made a few weeks ago:

I said that if the Gov. Spitzer succeeds in passing out licenses to illegal aliens and the unknown terrorists and violent felons among them, when crimes or terrorist acts are committed by such people, the blood of the victims would be on his hands.

Because the federal government has warned us that there are sleeper cells already in our country I want to add something to that:

When terrorist acts are committed by people holding NY licenses, the members of 9/11 Families for a Secure America will make sure that the people of this nation are fully informed of the governor's role in facilitating those crimes.