I am here representing 9/11 Families for a Secure America. Our membership in 9/11 FSA composed entirely of: family members of those killed in the 9/11 attacks, survivors of the attacks and first responders; and victims of violent street crimes and highway accidents committed by illegal aliens. Today, I speak for our members and for their murdered loved ones. I speak for my 23 year old son, James, who worked on the 103rd floor of the Trade Center's North Tower.

Our members are of many races and most, like myself, are the children or grandchildren of *legal* immigrants to the USA. We thus have a full understanding of both the blessings of legal immigration and the hideous price of illegal immigration. And so we are shocked and disgusted that Gov. Spitzer plans to issue drivers licenses to illegal aliens.

Contrary to what the ACLU, La Raza (The Race), The New York Times and other allies and agents of illegal aliens claim we are <u>not</u> "anti-immigrant" and do <u>not</u> want to deny licenses or other rights to immigrants and other aliens legally present in the US. However, illegal aliens are not "immigrants," they are criminals, all of whom entered our country in violation of law.

The illegal alien lobby tries to conceal illegals' true status as lawbreakers by referring to them as "undocumented" but the term "undocumented" actually is a confession. ... a confession that all illegals are people who have evaded the process by which our government confirms the true identities of applicants and discovers which are violent criminals or terrorists in order to keep them out of our country.

In other words, **every** illegal is a person whose true identity and possible history of violence and terrorism is unknown. Thus ANY illegal may be a terrorist and when Gov. Spitzer issues licenses to illegals he will be **inevitably** be issuing to the unknown terrorists among them.

As the 9/11 Commission detailed and everyone now knows, authentic US-issued licenses were the tools that enabled the 9/11 terrorists hide in plain sight among millions of other illegals to rent cars and hotel rooms, open bank accounts to transfer funds, obtain credit cards. Licenses were the documents that allowed them to obtain all the goods and services they needed to plan, rehearse, finance and carry out their conspiracy to murder 3000 innocent people.

Virginia and Florida, and the other states which issued the licenses to the 9/11 killers, recognized their roles in abetting the attacks, reversed those policies and now prohibit illegals from obtaining licenses. However, the illegal alien lobby, completely disregarding the security needs of America in the age of terrorism has continued lobbying states for laws that will expose Americans to more 9/11s. Now, Mr. Spitzer has now granted them the victory they crave.

Certain it is that the ACLU, LaRaza, immigration lawyers and employers of cheap illegal labor are celebrating, but so to are the lieutenants of Osama Bin Ladin who are planning the next attack. In alQaeda's caves just as in the ACLU's offices, those in charge know that their people have just won the right to board planes with no questions asked.

The illegal alien lobby relies on many falsehoods in misleading the public. I can only expose one of them in the time allotted me.

For example, Margaret Stock, an immigration lawyer, a profiteer from illegal immigration, is widely quoted as claiming that giving licenses to illegals means that we'll know who they are and where they are. In any other circumstance this would be considered a joke, but with lives at stake, her claim is dangerous. When an illegal gets a license we don't know his true identity. Is he John Smith, Juan Corona or Mohammed Atta?

Tennessee passed a law to allow illegals to get licenses in 2001. According to State Rep. Donna Rowland: There was an onslaught of people from other states coming to Tennessee to get licenses and organized gangs to service them. Fraud at DMV offices skyrocketed. Rep. Rowland says that airlines actually issued orders denying recognition of Tennessee licenses for boarding airplanes. And Michael Berger, a Buffalo immigration lawyer claims illegal will get auto insurance and benefit all drivers. Yet, the experience in Tennessee was exactly the opposite as rates of DUI by illegals and driving without insurance increased dramatically.

As a result of the chaos, all of the strongest supporters of licensing illegals, including Democratic Gov. Bredesen passed a repeal bill and created a "certificate for driving purposes only." That was equally disastrous and was also repealed. Now an illegal can not obtain any form of ID in Tennessee.

In his campaign Mr. Spitzer promised to return us to a time when "all roads will lead to New York." If he succeeds in this horrible plan he will have succeeded, at least as to, illegal aliens and terrorists looking to assume a new identity in order to escape from justice,

Mr. Spitzer: you either fight terrorism, by denying licenses to illegal aliens or you facilitate terrorism by granting licenses to illegals and the unknown terrorists among them. You can do one or the other. There is no middle ground.

Two weeks ago I said: "Terrorists here illegally used licenses to kill my son and thousands of others in the World Trade Center; if they do it again using New York licenses issued by this governor, the blood of the victims will be on Mr. Spitzer's hands." That statement received wide coverage in the media and the NY Times reported that Mr. Spitzer was unhappy with my statement. Well Mr. Spitzer, too bad. You may not like the facts, but they are facts.

In concluding let me elaborate on that earlier statement of mine and add another fact that will displease you: Not only will the blood of those victims be on Spitzer's hands, but the members of 9/11 FSA promise that the people of this nation will know of and never forget his role in facilitating those attacks.