

I FIRST OF ALL WANT TO EXPLAIN WHY I'M HERE. WHY DOES A PERSON FROM THE NORTHEAST COME ALL THE WAY ACROSS THE CONTINENT TO SUPPORT THE CANDIDACY OF A MAN RUNNING FOR CONGRESS IN ARIZONA?

I WANT TO EXPLAIN BECAUSE I REMEMBER THAT WHEN 9/11 FAMILY MEMBERS WENT TO TENN. TO LOBBY FOR A BILL THAT WOULD END THAT STATE'S PRACTICE OF GIVING DRIVERS' LICENSES TO ILLEGAL ALIENS AND THE UNKNOWN TERRORISTS AMONG THEM, THE NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN DENOUNCED US AS "OUTSIDE INTERESTS."

THE TENNESSEAN IS OWNED BY THE GANNETT NEWSPAPER COMPANY WHICH ALSO OWNS THE TUSCON CITIZEN AND THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC SO TO AVOID BEING CALLED AN "OUTSIDE INTEREST" BY THESE GANNETT PAPERS I'LL START MY REMARKS BY EXPLAINING MY PRESENCE.

I'M HERE BECAUSE I'M AN AMERICAN, AND MY SECURITY IS DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY WHOM YOU ELECT TO THE CONGRESS FROM THE EIGHTH DISTRICT OF ARIZONA.

IT IS THE CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT WHOSE POLICIES DETERMINE WHETHER WE ARE SECURE FROM MORE 9/11 ATTACKS OR WHETHER WE CONTINUE TO FOLLOW POLICIES THAT EXPOSE US TO MORE SUCH MASS MURDERS ON OUR SOIL

I'M HERE BECAUSE MY SON WAS MURDERED ON 9/11 AND BECAUSE I KNOW THAT ONLY BY ELECTING PEOPLE LIKE RANDI GRAF TO CONGRESS WILL WE SEE THE ENFORCMENT OF LAWS ALREADY ON THE BOOKS AND ENACTMENT OF NEW LAWS THAT WILL PREVENT MORE 9/11s SO OTHER FATHERS WILL NOT HAVE TO ASK THE FUTURE: WHY DID YOU ALLOW THESE TERRORISTS IN TO MURDER MY SON.

I'M HERE IN MEMORY OF MY SON. AND I CAN SAY TO YOU WITH HIS MEMORY IN MY HEART THAT I WOULD NOT INVOKE HIS NAME IN SUPPORT OF A CANDIDATE FOR POLITICAL OFFICE UNLESS I WAS CONVINCED THAT THAT CANDIDATE WOULD HONOR MY SON'S LIFE AND DEATH BY WORKING TO CHANGE THE POLICIES THAT ALLOWED HIM TO BE MURDERED.

ALL THE 9/11 FAMILY MEMBERS KNOW THAT THEIR LOVED ONES DIED B/C GOV'T FAILED TO HONOR ITS BASIC OBLIGATION TO ITS CITIZENS... TO PROTECT PROTECT THEM FROM FOREIGN ATTACK.

THEY 9/11 FAMILIES KNOW THE GOVERNMENT FAILED IN THE AREAS OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE.... FAILED BY NOT RESPONDING WITH ENOUGH FORCE TO THE SERIES OF TERRORIST ATTACKS PERPETRATED BY MOSLEM EXTREMISTS AGAINST AMERICANS THROUGHOUT THE 1990'S

-AND WE KNOW THAT IT FAILED BY NOT MAINTAINING CONTROL OF OUR BORDERS

I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT POINT:

THE SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACKS COULD NOT HAVE OCCURRED HAD THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ENFORCED ITS IMMIGRATION LAWS TO KEEP OUR BORDERS SECURE.

ANY DOUBTS THAT LACK OF BORDER SECURITY PLAYED A CENTRAL ROLE IN PERMITTING ALQAEDA TO MURDER OUR LOVED ONES WERE ELIMINATED BY THE 9/11 COMMISSION'S INVESTIGATION. THE 9/11 COMMISSION STAFF WROTE A SUPPLEMENTAL MONOGRAPH TO THE MAIN REPORT ENTITLED "9/11 AND TERRORIST TRAVEL" HERE ARE THE OPENING WORDS OF THAT REPORT:

IT IS PERHAPS OBVIOUS TO STATE THAT TERRORISTS CANNOT PLAN AND CARRY OUT ATTACKS IN THE UNITED STATES IF THEY ARE UNABLE TO ENTER THE COUNTRY. YET PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 11, WHILE THERE WERE EFFORTS TO ENHANCE BORDER SECURITY, NO AGENCY OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT THOUGHT OF BORDER SECURITY AS A TOOL IN THE COUNTERTERRORISM ARSENAL.

THE COMMISSION STAFF THEN SAID: "BORDER SECURITY STILL IS NOT CONSIDERED A CORNERSTONE OF NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY. WE BELIEVE, FOR REASONS WE DISCUSS IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES, THAT IT MUST BE MADE ONE."

SO, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE CASE IS CLOSED. THE VERDICT IS IN : IT WAS THAT FAILURE, TO ENFORCE THE LAW, THE FAILURE TO LIMIT THE # OF ALIENS ENTERING OUR COUNTRY OR EVEN TO TRY TO SCREEN THEM FOR THE PURPOSE OF KEEPING OUT CRIMINALS OR TERRORISTS LED DIRECTLY TO THE 9/11 ATTACKS AND THE DEATHS OF OUR LOVED ONES.

WHEN A PROBLEM THAT IS WITHIN THE AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FEDERAL GOV'T IS NEW OR UNFORESEEABLE WE CAN'T HOLD OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS IMMEDIATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR INACTION. BUT THE FAILURE, REALLY THE REFUSAL TO ENFORCE OUR IMMIGRATION AND BORDER SECURITY LAWS IS NOT A NEW PROBLEM; IT HAS BEEN APPARENT FOR ALMOST THIRTY YEARS.

AND WHEN A PROBLEM IS MASSIVE, OBVIOUS, OPEN AND OF 30 YRS' DURATION THEN WE ARE ENTITLED TO SAY TO THE VARIOUS PRES AND THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO PERMITTED AND EVEN ENCOURAGED THIS SITUATION: YOU KNEW! YET YOU FAILED TO ACT.

THUS, THE DEATHS OF 3000 INNOCENT PEOPLE ARE DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO YOUR NEGLIGENCE OF DUTY. YOU ARE GUILTY!

OF COURSE, IT IS A SERIOUS CHARGE TO MAKE, THAT CONGRESS AND OUR PRESIDENTS HAVE KNOWN OF THE PROBLEM AND STILL REFUSED TO ENFORCE THE LAW AND ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MURDERS OF 9/11. AND SUCH A CHARGE HAS TO BE JUSTIFIED WITH PROOF. SO HERE ARE SOME SPECIFICS:

FIRST:WHILE THE NUMBER OF ILLEGALS HAS GROWN TO BETWEEN 10 MILLION AND 20 MILLION, OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS HAVE KEPT THE NUMBER OF FEDERAL AGENTS ASSIGNED TO INTERNAL ENFORCEMENT AT ONE THOUSAND EIGHT

HUNDRED. COMPARE THIS WITH NEW YORK CITY WHICH COVERS ONLY 300 SQ. MILES, HAS 40,000 POLICE OFFICERS FOR A POPULATION OF 8 MILLION OF WHOM THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY ARE LAW ABIDING CITIZENS. LET'S WILDLY OVERESTIMATE THE NUMBER OF NYC RESIDENTS WHO ARE CRIMINALS, AND SAY THERE ARE ONE MILLION OF THEM. IF THE CITY COUNCIL DECIDED TO REDUCE THE RATIO OF NY POLICE OFFICERS TO LAWBREAKERS SO THAT IT EQUALED THE RATIO OF FEDERAL AGENTS TO ILLEGAL ALIENS THAT WOULD MEAN NYC WOULD HAVE NOT 40,000 POLICEMEN BUT 180. DO YOU THINK THAT A SKYROCKETING CRIME RATE WOULD BE A PREDICTABLE RESULT? WOULD THE PEOPLE OF NY THEN BE JUSTIFIED IN SAYING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THOSE MURDERED.

SECOND; EMPLOYERS BY THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS HAVE CREATED THE ECONOMIC INCENTIVE THAT BRINGS ILLEGALS ACROSS THE BORDER BY GIVING THEM JOBS, AND WHILE IT IS A FEDERAL FELONY TO KNOWINGLY HIRE AN ILLEGAL, WITH A \$10,000 FINE PER ILLEGAL HIRED ON THE FIRST OFFENSE AND JAIL ON THE SECOND, PRESIDENTS AND CONGRESS MEMBERS HAVE REFUSED TO INSTRUCT THE FBI TO INVESTIGATE THESE EMPLOYERS AND HAVE REFUSED TO INSTRUCT US ATTORNEYS PROSECUTE VIOLATIONS.

THIRD EXAMPLE: STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS HAVE FOR YEARS BEEN VIOLATING FEDERAL LAW BY NOT DENYING VISAS TO THOSE WHO CLEARLY REPRESENTED A TERRORIST THREAT TO THE UNITED STATES. FOR EXAMPLE, EVERY ONE OF THE 10 9/11 HIJACKERS WAS A YOUNG, SINGLE MALE FROM A TERRORIST SPONSORING NATION WITH NO VISIBLE MEANS OF SUPPORT. NOT ONE WAS ELIGIBLE FOR A VISA. THE 9/11 COMMISSION FOUND THAT NOT ONE OF THEIR VISA APPLICATIONS WAS PROPERLY OR COMPLETELY FILLED OUT. QUESTIONS SUCH WHAT SCHOOL ARE YOU ATTENDING IN THE US OR WHERE DO YOU LIVE WERE LEFT BLANK. HIJACKERS WHO SAID THEY WERE MARRIED DID NOT BOTHER ANSWERING THE QUESTION: "WHAT IS YOUR WIFE'S NAME?" IN VIOLATION OF THE LAW, VISA OFFICERS GRANTED AT LEAST ONE AND SOMETIMES TWO VISAS TO EACH HIJACKER.

FOURTH EXAMPLE: FOR YEARS, MANY US STATES HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY ENCOURAGING AND AIDING ILLEGAL ALIENS BY GIVING THEM DRIVERS' LICENSES. CITIES SUCH AS L.A., NY, PORTLAND, ORE HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTING THEIR EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING POLICE, NOT TO COOPERATE WITH FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES.

ALL OF THESE FACTS AND MANY MORE LIKE THEM HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FOR YEARS OR DECADES. SO THE 9/11 FAMILIES ARE COMPLETELY JUSTIFIED IN SAYING TO THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO HAVE ELIMINATED SECURITY AT OUR BORDERS: "YOU KNEW, YET YOU REFUSED TO ACT; THE DEATHS OF 3000 PEOPLE ARE DUE TO YOUR NEGLIGENCE."

BUT THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, EVER EAGER TO EVADE PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF THEIR NEGLIGENCE AND GUILT, TRIED TO PUT THE BLAME ON THE INS & ITS SUCCESSOR AGENCY, ICE. BUT THESE AGENCIES HAVE NEVER BEEN ANYTHING BUT MERE CREATURES OF THE CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT

THEIR EXISTENCE.. THEIR POLICIES.. THEIR REGULATIONS, THEIR FUNDING & STAFFING... ALL ARE UNDER THE ABSOLUTE CONTROL OF THE PRES AND THE CONG.

THUS THIS ATTEMPT BY OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS TO SHIFT BLAME TO ANONYMOUS BUREAUCRATS IS BOTH DISHONEST AND COWARDLY. CONSISTENT WITH THEIR POLICY OF EVASION MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HAVE CONTINUED TO CLAIM THAT THE OBVIOUS AND ESSENTIAL REFORMS THAT WOULD REDUCE THE THREAT "CANNOT" BE ENACTED INTO LAW.

THE OPEN BORDERS LOBBY AND THEIR MOUTHPIECES IN CONGRESS CLAIM THAT PUTTING TROOPS ON OUR BORDERS WOULD “ENDANGER OUR FREEDOM.”

YET, TO SAY THIS IS TO SAY THAT HAVING AN OPEN BORDER WHERE ANYONE, TERRORISTS INCLUDED, CAN FREELY ENTER OUR COUNTRY SOMEHOW PROTECTS OUR FREEDOM.

THE OPEN BORDERS LOBBY AND THEIR CONGRESSIONAL PUPPETS CLAIM THAT DEPUTIZING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF STATE AND LOCAL POLICE TO ENFORCE OUR IMMIGRATION LAWS WOULD “UNDERMINE LAW ENFORCEMENT.” YET, TO SAY THIS IS TO CLAIM THAT HAVING ONLY 1,800 FEDERAL OFFICERS TO CATCH THE OVER 10 MILLION ILLEGAL ALIENS WHO ARE NOW IN OUR COUNTRY SOMEHOW HELPS MAINTAIN RESPECT FOR THE LAW AND IS NOT A THREAT TO CITIZENS OF OUR COUNTRY, WHO HAVE A RIGHT TO DEMAND THAT THE LAW BE ENFORCED.

OPPONENTS OF IMMIGRATION REFORM CLAIM THAT WE MUST GRANT AMNESTY TO THE OVER 10 MILLION PEOPLE WHO BROKE THE LAW BY ENTERING THIS COUNTRY ILLEGALLY BECAUSE....WELL BECAUSE HAVING THE FBI DO MILLIONS OF BACKGROUND CHECKS ON LAWBREAKERS FROM EVERY OBSCURE CORNER OF THE GLOBE WILL NOT DETRACT FROM THE NATION'S ABILITY TO FIGHT TERRORISM.

IN TRUTH, THOSE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, OF BOTH PARTIES, WHO OPPOSE IMMIGRATION REFORM HAVE MADE INDIVIDUAL POLITICAL CALCULATIONS AND DECIDED THAT WHAT IS NECESSARY FOR THE SECURITY OF OUR COUNTRY WILL COST THEM THE SUPPORT OF THE ORGANIZED SPECIAL INTERESTS THAT HELP KEEP THEM IN OFFICE

BUT YOU AND RANDI GRAF AND I KNOW THAT THE POLLS SHOW THAT 70% TO 90% OF AMERICANS WANT DRASTIC AND IMMEDIATE IMMIGRATION REFORM.

I WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE SORT OF RESISTANCE WE MEET IN CONGRESS, PARTICULARLY IN THE SENATE.

FOR THE NEARLY 4 YEARS I'VE BEEN SPEAKING PUBLICLY ON THIS ISSUE I'VE BEEN SAYING THAT SOONER OR LATER THIS OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF CITIZENS WILL LEARN THAT THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE TO PROPER SECURITY ARE OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS.

I HAVE BEEN SAYING THAT SOONER OR LATER, THAT MASS OF AMERICANS WILL, HAVING BEEN PUSHED TOO FAR, TURN ON THOSE WHO HAVE BLOCKED THE CHANGES THAT ARE NEEDED TO PROTECT US ALL FROM MORE 9/11s

WELL, I CAN SAY THAT THAT TIME IS NOW!!

RANDI GRAF'S CANDIDACY IS PROOF OF THAT THAT TIME HAS ARRIVED!!!!

RANDI'S ELECTION SENDS A WARNING TO THE PEOPLE IN D.C. WHO HAVE REFUSED TO LISTEN. (AND SOME OF THEM ARE POLITICIANS FROM ARIZONA)

IT IS A WARNING I WANT TO PUT INTO THE CLEAREST SIMPLEST TERMS RIGHT NOW AND DIRECT TO THEM ON BEHALF OF MY BELOVED SON AND THOUSANDS OF OTHERS MURDERED ON 9/11 AND THEIR DEVASTATED SURVIVING FAMILY MEMBERS:

AS MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, YOUR REFUSAL TO INSIST ON ENFORCEMENT OF OUR BORDER SECURITY/ IMMIGRATION LAWS LED DIRECTLY TO THE DEATHS OF OUR LOVED ONES, AND YET MANY OF YOU HAVE ADAMANTLY REFUSED TO ALTER YOUR SUPPORT FOR UNCONTROLLED BORDERS SINCE 9/11.

I SAY TO THESE MEMBERS THAT SHOULD THERE BE MORE TERRORIST ATTACKS THOSE POLITICIANS WHO HAVE REFUSED TO COME TO THE DEFENSE OF THEIR COUNTRY WILL HAVE ON THEIR HANDS NOT JUST THE DEATHS OF THOSE MURDERED ON 9/11 BUT THE BLOOD OF THE VICTIMS OF THE NEXT 9/11.

I ASK THE MEMBERS: YOU HAVE ESTABLISHED BEYOND QUESTION THAT WHAT MATTERS TO YOU IS ONLY YOUR VICTORY IN THE NEXT ELECTION. BUT WHAT WILL YOUR POLITICAL FUTURES LOOK LIKE IF, BY THE TIME OF THE NEXT 9/11, AMERICANS HAVE ATTACHED TO BLAME WHERE IT BELONGS...WITH YOU .

SHORTLY AFTER THE 9/11 ATTACKS, PRES BUSH STOOD ON THE RUINS OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTER, **THE ONLY TOMB MY SON WILL EVER KNOW**, AND SAID: "I HEAR YOU."

WELL, MR. BUSH WITH YOUR REFUSAL TO SUPPORT IMMIGRATION REFORM YOU'VE SHOWN YOU HAVEN'T HEARD US. AND MR. MCCAIN, MR. GRIJALVA, MR. FLAKE.

WE ARE SERVING NOTICE ON YOU HERE TODAY THAT WE WILL BE HEARD. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO MAKE SURE THAT THE AMERICANS KNOW THAT ON THIS ISSUE YOU OPPOSE THE VAST MAJORITY OF YOUR COUNTRYMEN. THOSE OF US WHO LOST PEOPLE WHOM WE DEARLY LOVED ON 9/11 CAN NEVER REGAIN WHAT WAS TAKEN FROM US.

BUT WHILE OUR LOVED ONES CAN NEVER AGAIN BE HELD IN OUR ARMS, WE WILL NOT PERMIT YOU TO CONTINUE TO ENDANGER THIS COUNTRY AND SUBJECT OTHERS TO THE LOSS YOU HAVE IMPOSED ON US. YOU **WILL NOT** CONTINUE TO IGNORE US.