

What would the people of New York say if Mayor Bloomberg and Gov. elect Spitzer said they were going to allow anyone who wanted to, to carry hand held surface to air missiles or hand grenades on the streets of the city and state.

All they'd require of applicants was that they show a card that had their picture and a name, any name, on it and then take a test to show that they knew how to use grenades and missiles safely.

Anyone with a DL has exactly that: a permit to direct a guided missile or bomb anywhere.

But a DL is far more than that. 18 of the 19 9/11 mass murderers had dozens of authentic US issued DLs and other state issued I.D. As the 9/11 Commission noted, they used those licenses to open bank accounts, get credit cards, rent apartments, rent cars, rent motel rooms, buy flight lessons, etc.

Those DLs were essential tools for the 9/11 killers. They allowed them to obtain all the goods and services they needed to plan, rehearse, finance and carry out their attacks.

And, on the morning of 9/11, airport security tapes show that rather than using their foreign passports they used their U.S. licenses as the "valid IDs" that got them onto the planes which they used as missiles to murder my son and 3000 others.

Every illegal alien is a person whose true identity.....

Whenever a state grants a DL to an illegal alien it is *inevitably* providing authentic, American documents to the many terrorists and violent felons who use the massive population of illegal aliens as an 'ocean' in which they can hide in plain sight.

This is precisely what the 9/11 terrorists did.

I want to respond to a claim that the illegal alien lobby has been making all over the country in their attempt to justify giving licenses to illegals. "The terrorists" they say "were in the US legally because they had visas, so laws banning licenses for illegals wouldn't have affected them."

In fact, not one of their visas was issued in accordance with United States law. Every visa was issued improperly and thus all the killers were in the US illegally. Because of the catastrophe of 9/11 the State Department has considerably tightened visa issuance procedures making it extremely unlikely these monsters could today get U.S. visas. Today, their only means of entry would be as illegal aliens.

Also, several of the terrorists had overstayed their visas and therefore they **would** have been affected by laws like the proposed Wisconsin bill.

Admiral James Loy, the Under Secy of Homeland Security testified to a Congressional committee that "...Al Qaeda leaders believe illegal entry [of their agents] is more advantageous than legal entry for operational security reasons."

Americans can be relatively certain that the next terrorists bin Ladin sends to the U.S. will be crossing our borders illegally.

In other words, future terrorists will be illegal aliens.

Do the People of NY really want to be responsible for aiding and abetting the next terrorist attack just as Florida, Virginia and other states helped the hijackers of 9/11 by providing them with licenses?

Janice Kephart, who was Counsel to the 9/11 Commission testified last year to US Senate's Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland SECURITY, and the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security. She said:

"Once in the United States, it is essential to the terrorist that he carries out his instructions. In our experience, that means finding a "legitimate" way to stay here. State and federal-issued identifications are critical for proper assimilation."

"If the hijackers had not been able to obtain state identifications, they all would have been required to show screeners their Saudi, Lebanese, and UAE passports to gain access to the planes. In some instances, showing these passports on a domestic flight could have triggered greater scrutiny, including at checkpoints where their knives and pepper spray could have been detected."

She concluded:

"As long as we can force terrorists to resort to fake i.d. scams, we are more likely to catch them before they launch an attack."

Can there be a better reason than that to prohibit granting drivers' licenses or any other form of identity document to illegal aliens and the unknown terrorists and violent felons among them?

Gov. Spitzer and Mayor Bloomberg and their elected officials have a moral obligation to ensure that NY does NOT provide authentic I.D. to terrorists and they can do that only by denying ID to all illegals who, knowingly or not, help to conceal their presence in the United States.

In short, the new Gov and the Mayor have a clear choice: they 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.

The dead of 9/11 cannot speak to you.

On their behalf the members of 9/11 Families for a Secure America ask you to remember the important role played by american drivers licenses in causing their deaths.

Please pass ab 69 and sb 334.