

I speak on behalf of 911 Families for a Secure America and on behalf of our members I thank you for holding this hearing and inviting me to speak.

9/11 FSA is a membership organization consisting entirely of family members of those killed in the 911 attacks, survivors of those attacks and victims of violent crimes committed by illegal aliens as well as the families of those victims.

We have personally experienced the terrible price paid by American citizens for the refusal of government officials at all levels to stem the tidal wave of illegal aliens.

Our organization exists for the sole purpose of educating Americans and their government on what must be done to keep others from suffering needlessly as we have at the hands of people who have no business being in the U.S.A.

For this reason we urge enactment of House Bill. 4881 which will put an end to Michigan's current practice of granting drivers licenses to illegal aliens. .

It is simply beyond belief, that Michigan's legislature and governor have failed to act. How much longer can they refuse to understand that denying all forms of official i.d. docs to illegal aliens is one of the most basic and essential anti-terrorist measures of all?

This is true because **every** illegal alien is a person whose true identity has NEVER BEEN VERIFIED THEREFORE **ANY** ILLEGAL ALIEN MAY BE A TERRORIST OR VIOLENT FELON.

Thus, whenever a state grants drivers' licenses or any other form of ID to an illegal alien it is inevitably granting authentic, American Identity documents to the many terrorists and violent felons who employ 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. The 9/11 killers obtained AT LEAST 35 US licenses or official state identity cards.

The staff of the 9/11 Commission documented how the terrorists used these licenses to open bank accounts, get credit cards, rent apartments, rent hotel rooms, rent cars, buy flight lessons, etc. Those drivers licenses 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, 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.

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.” This is false.

In fact, none of the terrorists was legally in the U.S. because all their visas were issued in violation of US law as a result of pressure brought to bear by the open borders lobbyists in the US.

Because of the catastrophe of 9/11 the State Department has considerably tightened visa issuance procedures making it extremely unlikely these monsters could now get U.S. visas and today their only means of entry would be as illegal aliens.

In addition several of the terrorists had overstayed their visas and therefore they **would** have been affected by laws like Rep Agema’s HB 4881

Michael Chertoff, US Secretary of Homeland Security said in December 2006, that

“Illegal immigration is a "severe and growing threat." and Admiral James Loy, 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 Michigan really want to risk being responsible for aiding and abetting the next terrorist attack just as Florida, Virginia and other states helped the hijackers of 9/11 by they providing them with licenses?

Janice Kephart, who was Counsel to the 9/11 Commission testified to the US senate’s Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, and the subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security: “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 911 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?

The people of Michigan and their elected officials have a moral obligation to ensure that their state does NOT provide authentic I.D. to terrorists and you can do that only by denying ID to all illegals who, knowingly or not, help to conceal their presence in the United States.

Michigan legislators and Gov Granholm have a clear choice: You either fight terrorism, by denying licenses to illegal aliens or you help terrorists by granting licenses to illegals and the unknown terrorists among them.

You can do one or the other.

There simply is no middle ground.

The open borders lobby, including immigration lawyers, the ACLU, LaRaza, the US Chamber of Commerce make the claim that denying licenses to illegals is not going to end terrorism.

They are partly right. The illegal alien problem in the US is like a dam with 1000 cracks. You can't stop the flood by sealing only one.

Tho' licenses for illegals is one of the most serious cracks it isn't the only one.

Other things you must do are authorize your state and local police to enforce immigration law. There is no excuse for the fact that the many thousands of police officers in Michigan are not enforcing our law.

Ed Kowalski is a member of our board.

17 year old niece. Raped and stabbed to death by an illegal with a history of criminal acts. Police in Westchester County, like yours, unable to enforce immigration law allowed this thug to remain on the streets after his earlier assaults.

Rpresented among our members are families who have lost relatives to illegals who have driven with three and four times the legal limit of blood alcohol.

In all these cases, had local police been able enforce immigration law, these people would now be alive.

Amusement park.

Deny instate tuition at taxpahyer supported colleges.

Prohibit the state from contracting with businesses that employ illegals.

Deny state funds to Detroit until it ends its Sanctuary policies.

Altho' there are Federal Constitutional problems with outlawing so called "day labor centers", you can require that all such centers confirm the legal status of every person who seeks a job at one.

My father.

How sadly ironic that

The dead of 9/11 cannot speak to you. Those who have been murdered by illegal aliens in street crimes or vehicular homicides cannot speak to you. Those who have been raped, assaulted, beaten, are in too many cases too afraid to speak out.

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 implement real id..

