I speak on behalf of 9/11 FSA. Our members are 911 And victims of violent crimes committed by illegal aliens.

All 9/11 FSA members know that their loved ones died b/c the government failed to live up to its most basic obligation to its citizens... to protect them from foreign attack.

We know that the mass murders of September 11 were the result of governmental failure in the areas of foreign and domestic intelligence and its failure to respond with enough force to the string of terrorist attacks perpetrated against American citizens throughout the 1990's

They were the result of our government's refusal to maintain control of our borders.

THAT failure, to enforce the law and limit the # of immigrants or even attempt 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.

And those of us whose loved ones have been murdered or injured in street crimes by illegals know that the open borders lobby and its puppets in Congress, such as Chris Dodd, Hillary Clinton, Charles Schumer and Reps De Lauro and Larson are directly responsible for the blood shed by our family members.

In the past, Congress and various presidents, eager to evade public recognition of its guilt, used to blame our wide open borders on what was then known as the INS, now ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement.)

But the **INS/ICE** was and is merely a creature of Congress and the Executive Branch.

Its existence, its policies, its regulations, its funding, and its staffing all are subject to the absolute control of the Pres and the Cong. Thus, the attempt by our elected officials to shift the blame to anonymous bureaucrats was both dishonest and shameful.

As the American public caught on to the fact that the real fault lay with the Congress and President, the politicians dropped the pretense that the bureaucrats were at fault and openly started mouthing the claims of the open borders lobby. The politicians started claiming, like their big contributors at the US Chamber of Commerce and various industry lobbying groups 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 <u>protects</u> our freedom.

They claim that deputizing hundreds of thousands of State and local police to enforce our immigration law would undermine law enforcement. Yet, to say this is to claim that having 2000 federal officers assigned to finding the 8 to 11 MILLION illegal immigrants who are now in our country somehow helps <u>maintain</u> respect for the law and is not a threat to the citizens who have a right to demand that the law be enforced.

Opponents of immigration reform claim that we must grant amnesty to 15 million people who broke the law by entering this country illegally because....well because having the FBI do millions of background checks will not detract from its ability to fight terrorism.

In truth, those Members of Congress, of both parties, including Sen. Chris Dodd, Sen. Joe Lieberman, and Reps. Chris Murphy, Rosa DeLauro etc. 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 organized special interests. And getting re-elected is more important than protecting the lives of American.

Since Independence, one of American's most treasured ideals has been that of equality under the law. In practice we have often failed to achieve that ideal, but the clear trend during two centuries has been of progress toward making the goal a reality. Now come George Bush, Ted Kennedy, Nancy Pelosi and John McCain with a bill which would reverse our progressive course by rejecting the concept of equality before the law. This would be done in order to create a special class of millions and offer them special treatment and privileges that have never in our history been offered to any single citizen, let alone an immense group of them.

Who are the people Bush-Kennedy et al have selected for special privileges? Not veterans of our military services; not elderly people who have contributed to our Nation for many decades, not Americans who have made unique contributions in the medicine or science.

The elite chosen are illegal aliens. Citizens of other nations who, like thieves in the night, sneaked across our borders illegally. Or aliens who obtained visas to visit our country with the stated promise to return home on the expiration of their visas and who, by violating those promises, revealed themselves as liars. The privileged class chosen by the Senate consists entirely of criminals. And not even American criminals, but criminal aliens.

The Bush-Kennedy amnesty would forgive illegals for their immigration crimes, tax evasion, identity fraud and other crimes, and then goes far beyond that to grant them one of the greatest gifts our government can bestow: citizenship, a benefit that the lawbreakers will in turn be able to pass on to their descendants. Senators object to calling this "amnesty," and on this one point they are correct. A true "amnesty" would merely restore the criminals to the same position they occupied before they committed their crimes: a clean slate and the same right to stand in line with the rest of the world to apply for immigration. However, Bush and Kennedy reward the criminal acts of this chosen class of lawbreakers. To conceal the nature of their discriminatory and regressive plan they call this "a path to legalization," but to everyone else it's discrimination; a violation of fundamental fairness.

While lawbreaking aliens will be the beneficiaries of amnesty, it is American citizens who will pay all the costs, social and financial.

Tens of thousands of taxpaying American blue collar and white collar workers in the building trades, hotels, restaurants, agriculture, maintenance, lawn care, manufacturing, high tech...the full spectrum of this country's middle and lower income citizens have lost their jobs or have been forced to take lower wages because of illegal aliens who will work for a pittance and live forty and fifty to a house.

It is fundamentally unfair to these Americans that their lawbreaking competitors will be rewarded with citizenship; fundamentally unfair to make permanent the conditions that have deprived these American workers of the ability to earn a living wage.

Illegal aliens who have violated our criminal laws and motor vehicle laws with the same contempt they show for our immigration laws, have killed or injured many thousands of Americans in street crimes or highway accidents. Since every illegal is by definition a person whose true identity has never been documented, the perpetrators often just disappear. Is it not grossly unfair to these American victims and their families that the illegals who are responsible will be able, simply by adopting a new identity, to take advantage of the "path to citizenship?"

The health care costs of all Americans are inflated because hospitals are overwhelmed with illegals getting "free" health care. Is it not fundamentally unfair to Americans to permanently add perhaps 60 million people who will inevitably increase these costs?

Many Americans who have needed emergency care but have lost access to nearby hospitals which have been forced to close by the cost of caring for illegals who abuse the "free" care offered by emergency rooms. Is it not fundamentally unfair to Americans that the very same people who caused these denials of service will be rewarded with the Senate's "path to citizenship?"

Many Americans of modest means have their entire life earnings invested in their homes and many have seen their homes rendered almost worthless because nearby houses were converted by absentee owners into dormitories for dozens of illegals. Is it not fundamentally unfair to these Americans to reward the illegals (and the landlords) who have robbed them of the work of a lifetime?

The open borders lobby relentlessly speaks of the romantic past. But the world is not the place it was in 1870, 1900. Many, many conditions have changed. Most important among those changes is that our government no longer seems to care who gets into our country. Let me provide a personal perspective on that point.

My father was born in Germany in 1906. He was only part Jewish but that and his family's anti-Nazi activities were sufficient for the Hitler government to target him for death. In 1940 he arrived in the United States officially classified as a "stateless person." However, his status as a refugee in the US was conditional, with permanent status only being granted after a complete investigation. He used to tell me that before he was permitted to remain in the US the FBI "practically looked under the fillings in my teeth to make sure that I wasn't a German agent." Yet, my father said he was pleased that the FBI examined him so closely. "I didn't want German agents in the US anymore than FDR did. I wanted to be safe." My father was proud that he passed the test, and felt safe because he knew his government was carefully screening every person who wanted to immigrate to this wonderful country.

How sadly ironic is it that his grandson, my son, was murdered on 9/11/2001 because the government of the United States had abandoned the practice of carefully examining those who wish to come to our country. The Bush-Kennedy amnesty will result in many more millions of criminal aliens from all parts of the earth winning the right to stay in the USA without any effective investigation of their possible violent or terrorist backgrounds.

And this is the worst all the many crimes against fundamental fairness that the Bush-Kennedy will produce: it will make our Nation even more vulnerable to attack by hostile foreign powers infiltrating agents into the USA as "ordinary" illegal aliens.

It is a simple fact: Amnesty for illegals means Americans will die.

The 1986 amnesty. 1993 WTC attack. 7 killed, 1000 injured Murders of five people sitting in their cars near CIA HQ NYC Bridge, Tunnel and Landmarks plot Who knows how many individual street crimes.

Let me tell you of Elizabeth Butler. She was 17 years old. She was stalked, raped and murdered by Ariel Menendez, an illegal alien with numerous prior convictions including one for felonious drunk driving. Her mother, Patty, states what is obvious to all except the open borders lobbyists and their political mouthpieces: "If he had been deported, my daughter would be alive today."

I say, on behalf 17 year old Elizabeth and thousands of other unpublicized victims of illegal alien street crime; I say on behalf of my son and the other 3000 dead and their families that not only is Congress guilty of contributing to these deaths, but, unwilling to enact reforms, you will have on your hands the blood of the victims of the next 9/11.

I ask the Members: what will your political futures look like if, by that time, 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 his refusal to support immigration reform has shown that he lied. And Sen. Harry Reid, a wholly owned subsidiary of the hotel/casino lobby, has signed on as have Sen Dodd, Liberman, Clinton, Schumer, and Reps DeLauro, Larson, and most recently joining this rogues gallery, newly elected Rep Chris Murphy of the Fifth District.

If there is another amnesty Americans will die as a result, just as they have as a result of the 1986 amnesty. The families of the victims give this warning to members of Congress:

When people are killed as a result of your vote in support of amnesty, we will be in your states and districts to make sure that the voters understand that YOU, by your votes, have on your hands the blood of those victims.

Think what your political futures will be when Americans hold you accountable for those deaths.