



POSITION STATEMENT

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Immigration Reform/Homeland Security:

“Two Sides of the Same Coin”

- The market system ALWAYS works, legally or not, in meeting demand with supply.
- After 9-11, we tightened the Mexican border and unwittingly played into the cartels' hands. We separated a huge supply of workers from the demands of the agricultural, food processing, food service, hospitality, construction, home life, and other industries. The cartels have thrived ever since by supplying those workers, much like Al Capone did supplying booze, often violently, during Prohibition. Under current law, further increases in border security and deportations have had little effect.
- We MUST provide a legal way for workers to enter the United States to fill ALL the jobs Americans won't do. Otherwise, the cartels will continue to thwart our efforts at border security. (The newly-legal workers could no longer undercut domestic wages.)
- We MUST legitimize currently-illegal workers and their families who have no other serious legal issues. Otherwise, they will never be able to safely report to local law enforcement agencies the activities of cartel-related gangs that thrive in almost every barrio in the nation.
- We MUST NOT offer a special pathway to citizenship for those who have entered the U.S. illegally, with a possible historical exception for some children. Any such citizenship advantage would be unfair to other applicants, plus it would allow the cartels to give false hope to new immigrant recruits.
- We MUST upgrade border security assets, while implementing a bio-metric ID system and harshly sanctioning employers who do not comply with new standards.