

The Federal and State Affairs Committee

Once again the House of Representatives is bent on pursuing legislation which supposedly will rid the State of Kansas of illegal immigrants. What a joke your work has become, to the point of making Kansas a laughing-stock for the nation. You may not like this language but you need to hear it from a constituent who is sick and tired of this kind of nonsense coming out of the House of Representatives.

To begin with I know of several people for whatever the reason (that's not for me to judge) who have been in Kansas for decades and in some cases have graduated from our public schools and universities who are not documented. They are hardworking people who go out every day and do an honest day's work. More than I can say for the trash you're turning out! These individuals are outstanding Kansans, morally, and economically strong. With the passage of bills like the E-Verify proposals (HB 2575) not only are these Kansans in jeopardy of losing jobs and homes but the life of their children falls into an uncertain future as well.

Besides placing another burden on businesses this legislation also puts in jeopardy public and social organizations. HB 2576 outlines conditions that would be considered harboring illegals which could possibly place public facilities such as libraries, community care groups, churches, institutions of higher learning, and to lesser extent public schools which will undoubtedly lose students thus decreasing much needed State Funds.

These laws are a cleaver was to profile and pretend you're not! **Give me a break.** No one can guarantee that HB 2578 dealing with law enforcement will not result in profiling. People will be hurt (mentally-emotionally) perhaps resulting in lawsuits. You will escape this dilemma because of your protection of governmental immunity. What is desperately needed is legislation that would establish a fast track to permanent residency and citizenship, which is the Federal Government's responsibility, without the need to leave the State or Country.

You didn't have a consensus last year when you considered this legislation and Not even all the majority party (Republicans) is in agreement this session yet the legislature plods ahead. Stop, think, use common sense and legislate in the best interest of all people of Kansas.

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