



Floridians for Immigration Enforcement

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When immigration is viewed only racially and culturally, limits and legality will never be imposed. The debate must focus on limitations and lawfulness, otherwise open borders will make the United States a marketplace instead of a country.

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Re: Florida Citizen's Employment Protection Act of 2010

Dear Representative Fetterman

Floridians for Immigration Enforcement is a non-partisan citizens group that has concerns regarding the criminal and economic impact of illegal aliens on our communities. It is our mission to encourage state and local governments to protect their citizens by enacting and enforcing laws regarding illegal aliens.

Unemployment is at a record high in Florida. The best solution to ensuring future jobs go to citizens is legislation requiring [E-Verify](#) for Public and Private Employers.

Here are the facts on [E-Verify](#):

[E-Verify](#) laws only apply to new hires.

How accurate is [E-Verify](#)? According to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, which manages [E-Verify](#) within the Department of Homeland Security:

- In 2007, the overall accuracy rate of [E-Verify](#) was 99.5 percent.
- 93 percent of employees queried through the system were verified within five seconds.
- 1.2 percent are verified within 24 hours, with no additional action required of either the employee or the employer.
- Of the 5.8 percent of employees who receive a tentative non-confirmation, 0.5 percent must contact the Social Security Administration or (for certain non-citizens) USCIS to correct mistakes on their records—an action they would have to take sooner or later anyway, to receive either retirement or immigration benefits.

Currently there are a number of states that require [E-Verify](#) public, private, or both to be used by businesses in their states. According to the US Citizenship and Immigration Services, there are over 19,000 Patriotic businesses in Florida that are already voluntarily using [E-Verify](#) to ensure that their new employees have legal status to work.

Arizona requires [E-Verify](#) for all licensed businesses. Since going into effect in 2008, along with increased law enforcement efforts, the Center For Immigration Studies estimates nearly one third of illegal aliens have self deported and crime has been reduced substantially.

A similar result in Florida would result in 330,000 illegal aliens self deporting. This would dramatically reduce the costs of illegal immigration to the citizens of Florida.

Fiscal impact studies of Florida by the Federation for American Immigration Reform show costs of providing education and health care to illegal aliens and their families, and incarcerating criminal illegal aliens, costs state taxpayers more **than \$3.8 billion annually**, more than double the costs measured in 2005. To see the full report go to: http://www.fairus.org/site/DocServer/fla_study.pdf?docID=601

Securing sponsorship is our main priority now and we cannot really move forward organizing statewide support for a bill until we have a bill to promote. I assure you that if you sponsor this legislation you will have the overwhelming support of our organization and The 2009 Zogby poll found that:

- 71 % of Florida voters say illegal immigration has a negative impact on the state.
- 84% of Florida voters believe illegal aliens have a negative impact on the state budget.
- 69% of Florida voters want worksite immigration enforcement to continue.

Floridians for Immigration Enforcement recommends that legislators sponsoring bills utilize the resources of Immigration Reform Law Institute www.irli.org. They work with state legislators across the country and have been instrumental in getting legislation passed in a number of states, including landmark legislation in Arizona and Oklahoma.

Last year the Immigration Law Reform Institute drafted separate Public and Private [E-Verify](#) bills for us. At our request, The Immigration Reform Law Institute has combined these two bills into one. Please review the attached bill. We think a good name for the bill would be **Florida Citizens Employment Protection Act of 2010**.

If you have any questions about sponsoring this legislation or questions about [E-Verify](#), I hope you will share your thoughts with us so we can provide you with any additional information you might need to make an informed decision. I hope the citizens of Florida can count on you to sponsor this important piece of legislation.

Best Regards

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