Here's where some of your tax dollars are being spent:

Health Care: Based on a Florida Hospital Association study, tens of thousands of illegal aliens are treated in Florida hospitals at taxpayer expense annually. Cost: \$165 million.

Incarceration: This is a woefully underestimated figure because it covers just state and local prisons, but not local jails, detention centers, law enforcement, judicial costs, or expenses incurred by the crime leading to the incarceration. It accounts for 5,000 illegal alien prisoners, a five fold increase since 1994. Cost: \$155 million.

We can no longer wait for the federal government to act. We must lead the nation on dealing with this issue.

Most Floridians already have shown their approval of acting on this issue. A Research 2000 poll in February 2005 found that about two-thirds oppose a plan to allow some undocumented immigrants to live and work legally in the United States.

We must act soon to implement a security and economic plan for Florida's future.

Please answer my letter today. This survey will guarantee your voice is heard throughout the Florida Legislature and Congress.

I am counting on a 100% participation in the survey.

Together we can pass laws that discourage illegal immigration, secure our borders and keep our families safe. I appreciate your help and thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Senator Jeff Atwater

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P.S. Time is of the essence. Please don't put my letter aside before you've completed the enclosed survey and dropped it in the nearest mailbox or faxed it back to me at 850-523-1573.

Once we've compiled your survey answers, we will share the survey results with your Florida Legislature.

Thank you for acting today on this matter of urgent importance to the safety, security and economic stability of our great state.