

Good afternoon, Delegation Members. My name is Danita Kilcullen and I am a member of an organization called Floridians for Immigration Enforcement.

Before I begin my presentation, I have a question for all of you. Is there any member of this delegation who supports the hiring of an illegal immigrant over the hiring of a United States citizen?

I see no hands... so it's a good start in seeking sponsors for the Florida Citizen's Employment Protection Act of 2010.

This bill requires that all businesses in Florida use the Federal E-Verify program to certify that, in order to work in this State, all new hires are of legal status.

Public and Private E-Verify is currently used in 12 States, with Three states mandating that ALL licensed businesses use E-Verify. Presently, 1 in 4 new hires in America are done so using the E-Verify program.

In AZ, with the law in place since early 2008, 1/3 of all illegal aliens had self-deported by this past summer, and crime is down in Phoenix by 25%.

Just last Friday in California, 300 illegal aliens were rounded-up. 80% of the 300...that's 240 out of the 300 illegals...had violent-crime charges pending. There is no reason to believe it to be any different in Florida and other states with a high illegal-alien population.

In Florida there are nearly 20,000 businesses that voluntarily use E-Verify. Unfortunately we have a large number of unpatriotic businesses that put profits ahead of the rule-of-law and continue to hire illegal workers.

Illegal aliens work openly in Florida because you allow it. Illegal immigration exists because you do not represent your constituents, and instead represent special-interest groups that openly violate the law.

Many of you mistakenly say illegal immigration is a federal problem, but clearly it is the responsibility of every level of government to protect its citizens. You have been grossly negligent in your responsibility to protect the interest of the citizens of this state by not addressing the illegal-alien crisis.

We now have one-million illegal aliens living and working in Florida while there are one-million, twelve-thousand unemployed citizens. What have you done to address this problem? NOTHING!

You have been irresponsible stewards of our money. Two years ago when I began work on this issue, the Fiscal impact of illegal immigration to Florida's Taxpayers was 1.8 billion dollars. Now it is nearly 4 billion dollars and rising, because rather

than address the illegal-alien crisis, you have cut services to citizens and raised fees and taxes for working Floridians.

To Senator Atwater I would ask, where is the leadership in the Senate and House on this issue. Why isn't putting Florida's citizens back to work your, and Speaker Cretal's number one priority? Why are you doing nothing about the waste of these billions of our hard-earned tax dollars.

There are only two sides to this issue: You either support the hiring of illegal aliens or you support the hiring of your fellow citizens. You can be an advocate for the law-abiding citizens and businesses of this State, or you can be an advocate for illegal aliens and the criminals that hire them.

Thank you for your time.