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Border Security and Temporary Workers

Border security can only be accomplished by a combination of technology, border guards, AND a temporary work program to solve the labor problem.

The solution – border control and a temporary work program – does NOT require amnesty, and it does NOT require citizenship. The program is for temporary guest workers, not for immigrants – not for new citizens.

There are two ways for workers to enter the U.S. – as temporary guest workers or as immigrants applying for citizenship. These two paths must be kept separate because the requirements are different.

Immigration and citizenship require assimilation – temporary guest work does not.

The Vernon K. Kriebel Foundation's proposal for private management of a temporary work program would provide powerful incentives for illegals already in the U.S. to leave the country, apply for legal admission and eliminate the current open-border problem.

Private employment agencies would open offices in foreign countries to facilitate the process – run background checks, link specific workers to specific jobs, issue smart cards and track workers, insuring compliance with all U.S. laws and streamlining the process so it WORKS for both workers and employers.

Border control would be cheaper and easier, because most of the people now illegally crossing the border would be gone – safely entered into a regulated legal system.

Current illegals could quickly leave the country and obtain legal standing OUTSIDE our borders, coming to work on America's terms – no amnesty. They would do so voluntarily because the process would be quick and efficient, enabling them to come out of the shadows, live and work legally, and enjoy the benefits and protections of the law – instead of hiding from the law.

Border control can only work IF the labor problem is also solved. A temporary work program will help ONLY if it actually works.

We know the private sector solution will work, because it already works. Private banks and credit companies routinely issue smart cards. Private companies routinely run background checks through government databases. Private employment agencies link workers and employers every day. This solution is not new – it is new to the illegal immigration debate.