



**Resolution of the Oregon Republican Party
Concerning Immigration and Border Security**

WHEREAS, the Oregon Republican party recognizes and salutes the hard work, determination, dedication and contributions of legal immigrants to Oregon; and

WHEREAS, Section 9.16 of the Oregon Republican Party Platform clearly state, “We oppose amnesty or any path to citizenship for illegal aliens”; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Senate Bill 1348, the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2007, despite rhetoric to the contrary, attempted to create yet another amnesty program, which is offensive to our American sense of fairness and disrespectful to legal immigrants; and

WHEREAS, even the status quo, which ignores existing laws, represents de facto amnesty for illegal aliens; and

WHEREAS, SB 1348 effectively would have places United States citizenship for sale, which is an outrage; and

WHEREAS, our existing immigration and border security laws, passed in 1986, are enforces in a random fashion or not even at all, and the existing 700-mile border fence authorization has not been implemented in good faith, which is a betrayal of our trust; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government must regain its credibility regarding border security and enforcement of immigration laws before addressing temporary work visas and other issues; and

WHEREAS, there is no national consensus on how to handle the millions of illegal aliens presently in the United States;

THEREFORE NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oregon Republican Party Believes the border security and immigration debates should be governed by the principles of national sovereignty, respect for the rule of law, fairness and common sense; and

Calls upon the Oregon Congressional Delegation to oppose the resurrection of SB 1348, or any equivalent bill, because it does not adhere to the above principles; and

Calls upon the federal government, to enforce existing immigration laws fully, such as the Secure Fence Act of 2006, H.R. 6061 signed into law by President Bush, and report progress to the American people regularly; and

Calls upon the Oregon Congressional Delegation, as its first priority, to pass and enforce a stand-alone border security bill, unencumbered by other aspects of the immigration debate, providing for, and funding, all necessary measures to protect our borders, including without limitation, the use of all appropriate technology, strong fences, sufficient personnel; and

Commonsense rules of engagement; and

Also take all possible steps to discourage states and cities from creating “sanctuary” zones; and

Calls upon the Oregon Congressional Delegation, as its second priority, to pass and enforce a voting rights bill, protecting United States citizen’s right to vote in elections without contamination by the votes of non-citizens; providing for strict enforcing of the Real ID Act; and requiring a 100% audit of voter registrations within five years; and

Calls upon the Oregon Congressional Delegation, as its third priority, to pass and enforce a stand-alone employment and services bill, unencumbered by other aspects of the immigration debate, providing for severe employer sanctions for hiring illegal aliens; implementation of a rapid employment eligibility system; creation of a fair, secure and efficient temporary work visa program (contingent on continuing strong border security); restrictions of interstate commerce, such banking, only to legal residents; termination of programs that encourage illegal immigration; and repeal of existing laws that block states from restricting services only to legal residents; and

Calls upon the Oregon Congressional Delegations, as its fourth priority, to attempt to reach a national consensus, not including a path to citizenship, regarding illegal aliens in the United States.

Adopted by the Oregon Republican Party on the 9th Day of June, 2008, in the city of Salem, Oregon.

Signed VANCE D. DAY
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