



Office of the Governor

April 27, 2010

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

There is considerable controversy brewing in the Western part of our Great Country over an immigration law recently enacted in Arizona.

Illegal immigration not only impacts states sharing a border with Mexico, but also impacts states all over the country, including here in Nevada.

One of the vital responsibilities of the federal government is the control of our nation's borders. The federal government has fallen down on its job.

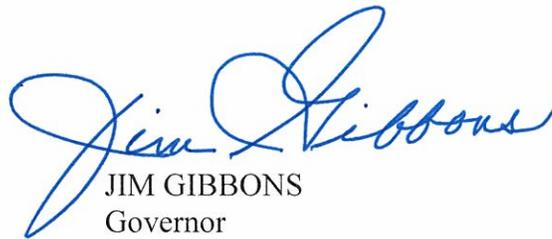
Regardless of whether immigration "reform" is ultimately enacted at the federal level, the ever-increasing stream of illegal entry into our country must be stopped. Not slowed down. Not decreased. Illegal entry into this country needs to be eliminated. I believe no effective or meaningful immigration "reform" can take place until our Nation has control over its borders. At present, there are Americans calling for undocumented people to be deported, while other Americans call for amnesty. This is a divisive issue that should not become politicized. Again, I believe no meaningful discussion of immigration issues can come about until the federal government enforces its laws and gets control of our Nation's borders.

At the same time Senator Reid and Speaker Pelosi talk warm and fuzzy about immigration "reform", there are murders, robberies, kidnappings, extortions and other violent crimes rampant in border states. Many blame drug and human trafficking cartels for many of these crimes. The American people, and those who long for American citizenship, deserve an immigration system that is effective and modernized. Again, I implore you and your Administration to take decisive action now to take control of our U.S. borders and stop illegal entry once and for all.

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The citizens of Nevada are hopeful you will take aggressive action to address this problem which grows greater each day.

Sincerely,



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Governor