

Delegate declares 'The Silent Majority is rising!'

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To the Editor:

Associated Press writer Alicia Caldwell reports that a majority of illegal immigrants admitted to crossing the border because they are seeking amnesty and want to collect public benefits!

This information was obtained from in-person interviews with illegal immigrants conducted by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Office of Intelligence. The Obama administration's intentional lack of enforcement combined with willing sanctuary states and local governments has encouraged this behavior.

As a result of not enforcing our Nation's laws, the fiscal health of our Country is worsening. The budgets of State and local governments are constrained - many have increased taxes to pay for the benefits. Meanwhile, thousands of immigrants stand in line to legally enter the United States. It's no wonder so many Americans do not trust their government.

As far back as 2007, the Congressional Budget Office stated that: "State and local governments incur costs for providing services to unauthorized (sic) immigrants and have limited options for avoiding or minimizing those costs."

America has \$18 trillion of debt. This is not sustainable. Moreover, Democrats in Maryland have successfully lobbied for and passed "In-State Tuition for Illegal Aliens." They have effectively rewarded illegal behavior.

Our grandparents would be horrified that the land of "legal immigration to work" has been replaced with "illegal immigration to welfare." We must renew America as an opportunity society and a nation of laws. Our laws must be enforced, so as to ensure the economic interests of the American people—and the safety and security of our homeland.

In the meantime, the silent majority is rising.

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