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Introduction

The Goal of this Platform is to prevent illegal immigration in the future. While some might suggest this is a daunting task, we at RidersUSA believe it is a simple task, if one wants to protect our America and our Culture. We agree with Sen. John McCain when he said, "If we don't secure the borders first, we will find ourselves with another group of people who have come to this country illegally, and then we'll have to do it all over again."

We believe that before our Country should address the endless opportunities to improve both our immigration system and, address our fluid labor demands, we must first assure that the agreed upon mistakes and broken promises from the ICRA Amnesty immigration bill of 1986 are resolved.

Regardless of what immigration reform is passed now or in the future, if we as a nation are not able to regulate the basic points addressed in this platform, we will be like a rudderless ship adrift in the ocean, debating this issue for years to come.

This platform is not designed to address all issues related to immigration reform as is customary with "comprehensive" type legislation bills crafted today. Our platform is Progressive, Lean Thinking and Results oriented. If our three points are completed within the 3 year period, the opportunities are bountiful as to how much better we can make our immigration system. Why, we will have put out the fire of illegal immigration for good and can concentrate on other aspects to enhance or Country.

We believe that if implemented, these three points will prove to be the fastest track for dealing with the millions who now are living in the shadows

We invite all of the Senate and House of Representatives to review this platform, embrace it and initiate legislation as described here within.

For consideration

Offers

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- *Security*

- *Protecting American Workers*

- *Citizenship*

A Simple, Easy to Understand, 3-Point Immigration Platform.

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Security

Point #1: In 1901, Connecticut passed the first U.S. state law regulating motor vehicles. It set a speed limit of 12 mph in cities and a whopping 15 mph outside. The Miles per Hour metric is used to this day and virtually everyone understands the metric. We need the same simplicity on Border Security metrics and we need it NOW. Currently our Country has no REAL definition of border security, and the past metrics used were far too complicated for the Government to figure out, let alone the American people. We must interject that we are tremendously disappointed that our Government has failed to, at the most basic level, determine who and who many people are coming to America without legal presence. We must take the position that this task is paramount to success in the battle to end illegal immigration.

Action: We must all unite and agree to end the debate on this subject! We need to identify and utilize a metric that determines the effectiveness of our Border Security. If we neglect to identify this metric, track performance and make adjustments, we will <u>never end</u> the debate on border security. The metric must be:

- easily calculated,
- easily understood by the general public.
- *agreed upon by both sides of the immigration issue.*
- Not driven by "immigration economic/financial development" goals.
- Utilized to help determine "reasonable control" for 90% of our border.

Timing: 3 years

Completion Criteria: Border state governors and county sheriffs certify their borders are secured by using the "metric" as the gauge...

Note: Visa Overstays, which currently represent 40% of our Country's illegal immigration must be included in the computation of the metric.

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Protecting American Workers

Point #2: It is inexcusable for American citizens and workers who are here legally authorized to work, to compete for jobs with illegal aliens. While the intentions of the 1986 paper-based I-9 verification system were intended to be good, it was, and to this day, is easily manipulated with fraud. Realizing a problem in the paper-based process, the 1996 Congress required the INS, to identify a new verification process that would work. Congress now has focused on E-Verify. Unfortunately, this tool to eradicate the hiring of illegal aliens is still NOT mandatory. It is time, in today's creative, high-tech age, to close this loop in our immigration system and help eliminate any ambiguity as to who is working in our County. We are confident that this can be accomplished without infringing on the civil liberties of anyone.

Action: Congress must once and for all, adopt a policy, completely fund it, and assure it is the bedrock of an ergonomic, reliable workplace verification system. Similar to the current E-Verify system, it must be made mandatory for every employer regardless of company size and set up in a manner that it does not create a "national" data base which could in the future be abused... Mandatory fines must be assessed to first time offenders of this system and the current "10 worker" trigger from the 1986 IRCA law, needs to be amended to read "any" workers.

Timing: 2 years

Completion Criteria: 85% of businesses in the United States are using the verification system

Note: E-Verify is based on the foundation that United States law prohibits employers from knowingly hiring or employing illegal aliens. The system allows employers to electronically verify employment eligibility. It is user friendly, free and exceptionally fast for an internet based program. This is a federal law that is voluntary for employers except for Federal Agencies. E-Verify is available in all 50 states.

- Six states—Alabama, Arizona, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina and Tennessee—require use of E-Verify for new hires.
- Georgia, Utah, and North Carolina mandate E-Verify for employers that meet certain requirements...
- Many federal contractors participate in E-Verify as a condition of work contracts.

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Citizenship

Point #3: America's culture must be preserved. The Declaration of Independence, The Constitution, The Bill of

Rights and other unique qualities of the United States, are all maintained by a just and enforceable immigration policy. American institutions rest solely on good citizenship said Theodore Roosevelt. They were created by people who had a background of self-government. New arrivals should be limited to our capacity to absorb them into the ranks of good citizenship. America must be kept American. Most disturbing is the giving away of citizenship. We find it difficult that those born in American jurisdiction are automatically considered American citizens, even though neither parent is a citizen of our Country. While studies suggests that the major motivator for illegal immigrants is the search for work and a better economic standing over the long term, adding hundreds of thousands of citizens annually via this loophole is not in the best interests of our Country. How can the traits of our cherished America be taught to those whose parents have no allegiance to the country?

.Action: We must manage immigration in such a manner so as to assure those we are welcoming; have ample time to assimilate to the American culture instead of overwhelming it. This will encourage patriotism and secure our traditions within their lifestyles. We believe there is precedent in U.S. law, and recommend revisiting the 14th. Amendment for the purpose of modifying the meaning and intent of the Citizenship Clause. Establishing who is and isn't granted automatic citizenship at birth will help bring our Country together on this important topic.
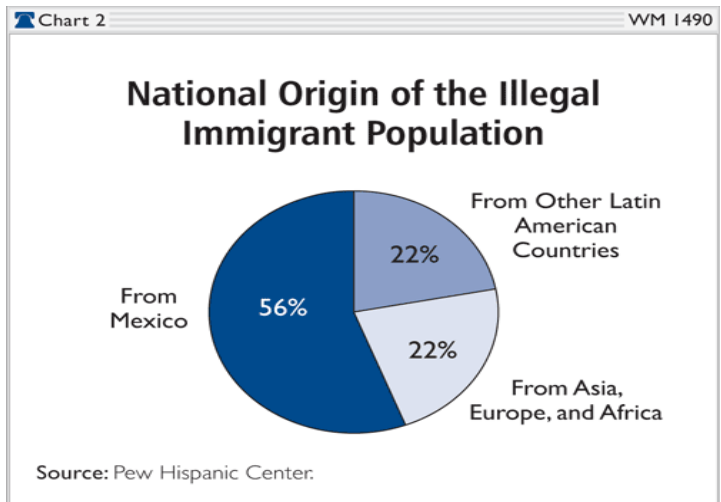
Timing: 18 months

Completion Criteria: Our Law is changed.

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The Current Illegal Alien Population:

We do not classify the current illegal alien population an item to be discussed under the umbrella of this Immigration Reform Platform. The reason for this is because the United States does not have to make amends for our humanistic immigration laws. Our immigration laws do not need reforming on a blanket format as our laws are just. How to address the 11-20 million people in our country that have NOT been invited to come, is paramount in the aspect of humanity, but the fire caused by illegal immigration must be squelched, before we deal with the current fabric of the population residing in this country illegally. When a country bases any part of their immigration policy on a contingency of temporary legal status or Amnesty, that country will surrender a part of her sovereignty. We disagree with Senator Lindsey Graham when he stated that "America has lost her Sovereignty" in regards to immigration, we believe our elected officials have given it away by not enforcing current immigration law.

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National Origin of the Illegal Immigrant Population

From Mexico 56%
From Other Latin American Countries 22%
From Asia, Europe, and Africa 22%

Source: Pew Hispanic Center.

Action: In conjunction with the SPC plan, Congress should enact a commission to evaluate those in the country illegally and have a plan of action regarding those no later than 3 years after this writing. The status of those currently in the country illegally, should remain as "illegal alien", without any benefits or special designation, until the completion of the above SPC plan at which time; a solution must be arrived at in dealing with the 11+ million illegal aliens currently living in the shadows.

Timing: Upon the completion of the above SPC plan

Completion Criteria: Upon the completion of the above SPC plan

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<u>Summary</u>

Immigration, in today's' society, has been turned into a dirty word, but Riders USA embraces the topic to discuss. Immigrating to America to join us is a great tradition. When talking about immigration, we should be talking about welcoming those coming to the United States. We have nothing to be ashamed about our immigration laws and traditions. We welcome those that come with values and ethics and do so legally. We support an immigration system that brings to America people from all over the globe who want to join us, be an American citizen and become part of our Country's great heritage, for that is true immigration.

Legal Immigration, if managed properly, only adds more creativity into OUR culture. We support a more efficient system to accommodate the changing labor demands of the 21st century and believe that our great Nation can execute the most basic of needs to assure our Country's sovereignty in the process.

We support using both Census numbers and fertility rates to determine levels of legal immigration needed to sustain our civilization and culture. And we support the Rule of Law where;

"No man is above the law and no man below it; nor do we ask any man's permission when we require him to obey it. Obedience to the law is demanded as a right; not asked as a favor." Teddy Roosevelt

We encourage Congress to take our 3 step approach to fix the broken promises of 1986 and bring this Country together on such an important subject.

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