

## Hearing on ending in state tuition for illegal aliens in Kansas

Valentine's Day 2007 changed my life forever when an illegal alien ran a stop sign in Basehor, KS. Critically injured three people and killed my daughter, Amanda Kate Bixby. Ricardo Florez ran a stop sign while eluding sheriff's deputies unfamiliar road. A network of people helped floor is that night both elude police and after the accident post bail of \$2500. He was convicted of failure to yield, exceeding the speed limit and having no valid drivers license. Again when Mr. Florez needed \$2500 for federal immigration enforcement hearing, this same network came up with an additional \$2500 cash for his bail bond.

Today we face budgetary challenges in Kansas due to court ordered increases in education. We already spend millions of dollars educating elementary, middle school and high school students. In fact 51% of the states overall budget goes towards education. K-DOT funding is being raided so that we can pay for education. Now at this time when budgetary cutbacks everywhere and the governor desperately looking for money to pay the states obligations, why are we continuing the practice of giving illegal aliens in-state tuition?

The border states of Colorado, Nebraska, Missouri and especially Oklahoma have all tightened their immigration policy. That leaves Kansas as a sanctuary state where illegal aliens me flock to receive unquestioned benefits such as In-state tuition and welfare. The fact is I cannot travel out of this country and go to a foreign country and ask for these rights and I do not believe that the people of Kansas should have to supplement tuition from people from outside the country anymore than we do people from Missouri or Wyoming or wherever else they come from.

I understand Democrats who want to increase the number of illegal aliens in this country to give them voting rights and all the other things because that's what it is to be a Democrat. But for the Republican majority there currently holds the House the Senate and even the governorship, your only defense is that were doing it for cheap labor.

The fact is that the labor is cheap initially, but it also suppresses the labor rates of native Kansans who work hard you try to play by the rules that you was legislators put before them. And I know that you all work hard and what you do and yet all the work that you do gets undone. The fact is that if labor rates were not being suppressed Kansans would have more money, more money would equal more taxes and you wouldn't be in this financial mess that you are find ourselves. So let me ask you how can it be cheap labor when it cost my daughter everything? How can you continue to talk about being fiscally responsible when you're willing to spend money in such an irresponsible way?

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