

Chairman Steve Brunk

House Federal and State Affairs Committee

Chairman Brunk and Honorable Members of the Committee,

My name is Desima Dawdy and I am speaking in opposition to all of the anti-immigration bills including but not limited to HB 2492, HB 2576, HB 2577 and HB 2578

For the "Illegal is illegal, letter of the law folks" ..in the 1700s, the South Carolina legislature passed a law banning the immigration of those "commonly called native Irish, or persons of a scandalous character or Roman Catholics."

For many years it was ILLEGAL for women, non-land owners, and blacks to vote.

On the other hand, SLAVERY WAS LEGAL in the U.S. and everything Hitler did in Germany to the Jews was legal too.

So does that mean Illegal is always wrong, and legal always mean right?

I advocate for changing the laws that are unrighteous, and not bringing unjust legislation into our State.

Many of our short-sighted, hog tying, immigration laws that are on the books today, were created in 1996 as a backlash orchestrated by racist groups in response to Ronald Reagan's desire to address immigration in a Christ-like manner. President George W. Bush was positioned to revise and revoke the 1996 legislation when 9-11 occurred.

Legislation regretfully does not equate to righteousness.

Many UNJUST laws, have been created to oppress, belittle, and remove power from the poor, minorities, and women, or for pure greed.

I hope to help you connect the dots on the underlying theme behind this type of self-serving legislation:

1. PRIVATE FOR PROFIT PRISONS invest in building project in states like Arizona, Alabama, and Georgia.
2. To turn a profit they have to increase occupancy.
3. To increase occupancy they hire the Kris Kobach Klan and clones to create legislation to be able to pick the low fruit of the tree via workers in the field to increase occupancy, then lobby and lock hands with the Tanton Network to promote self serving race driven legislation.
4. New legislation drives an increase in occupancy, and new occupants that are then held indefinitely in private prisons, and are moved secretly from location to location to prevent community involvement. The transportation and daily accommodation costs are billed to you and I, the TAXPAYERS. Of course, sometimes they get it wrong and LEGAL CITIZENS and aliens get caught in the net and the states get sued, and we pay more.

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5. To appease businesses who are going bankrupt because of the legislation, Private FOR PROFIT prisons then try to push slave labor, by supplying the same arrested farm workers to work the same fields they were originally arrested for working. Crazy huh?

6. Kris Kobach laughs all the way to the bank, and climbs the national white ladder, while saddling Kansas with the bill and a black eye to boot.

Kansans were born, but not yesterday. Kansans don't want HATE in our State. We are NOT Missouri, where Kris practiced and steeped himself in anti-immigration rhetoric, or states like Alabama and Georgia who are suffering serious financial and PR nightmares over Kris's short sighted legislation which has resulted in crops rotting, conventions canceled, and businesses and industry not wanting to associate with anti-immigration states for fear of getting caught in the mire.

I don't care what side of the fence you are on, I am very disturbed that we have a Secretary of State who in all probability will be financially profiting from pieces of legislation that he is self promoting in Kansas. His tactics may be legal, but in my opinion it is NOT ETHICAL. I support Lynn Jenkins and the STOCK Act to The Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge (STOCK) Act which would prohibit Members of Congress, employees of Congress, and all federal employees from using "any nonpublic information derived from the individuals position as a Member of Congress or employee of Congress, or gained from performance of the individuals duties, for personal benefit." I am not an attorney, but it sounds to me that Kris could be in violation of the STOCK Act. Kris job creation program of "deport an alien" to create a job, has been proved invalid by the United Farm Workers, "TAKE MY JOB" program, in which they tried without success recruiting U.S. citizens to harvest crops. The same story has been replayed in other states like Georgia which boasts 9.9% unemployment, while the crops are dying in the fields, and families are losing their farms because citizens refuse to do the work. Any jobs gains that Kris may boast were most likely seasonal Christmas work, not immigrant labor related jobs.

Kansas is the FREE state. Free to address real problems with real time solutions that will make our state a more productive, fiscally sound. Free to live out our Christian values. Free to think outside the box. Kansans can't easily be led to the fiscal and moral slaughter like sheep. You can't take away my freedom to feed the poor, to care for the sick, to advocate for the least of these. What God has brought together, who do you think you are to tear families asunder???

Sanctity of life, does not end at birth.

It is unrighteous when legal parents can not get their minors status adjusted within the U.S.

It is unrighteous when children brought to the U.S. as minors timeout and can not adjust their status as adults, or are able to leave the U.S. because they will trigger the three or ten year bar.

It is unrighteous to require spouses of U.S. citizens, who were brought to the U.S. as minors, to leave the U.S. for three to ten years to never, to get their status adjusted.

It is unrighteous and unpatriotic to DEPORT VFW who served and were discharged honorably.

I whole heartedly believe that Jesus in full righteous anger would be throwing the tables and whipping the unholy self serving

Un-Christian laws that try to stifle goodwill to men right out of our State. All you have to do is look at the John Brown painting to remember what Kansans have stood and fought and died for. Liberty and justice for all.

Senator Jerry Moran- just stated that Religious Liberty is Essential to our Nation, and that

"Americans should not be forced to violate their religious beliefs or face penalties if they refuse to do so.

Targeting religious beliefs in this manner erodes the principle of religious liberty upon which our country is founded. In response to governments failure to protect religious liberty, Senator Moran sponsored both S. 1467, the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act, and S. 2043, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. S.2043 would specifically address the threats to religious liberty., while S. 1467 would preserve the rights of health care stakeholders to provide health coverage that is consistent with their religious beliefs and moral convictions."

It is time to be pro-active and embrace George Sr., and George W, Jeb, Marco Rubio, Jon Huntsman, and Ronald Reagan's strong belief in the need for SANE comprehensive immigration reform. It is high time to be pro-active and solve the problems that create immigration issues. Secure the borders, give work permits, allow status adjustments within the U.S., including fines where applicable, as was done prior to 1996.

If a parent was arrested for a seat-belt violation would you punish the child?? Should someone who fails to file their taxes never be able to work again? How can we be soft on crime, and turn around and hold immigrants and their children's feet to the fire? Not all laws are righteous, and we need men and women of courage to fix and reform the broken immigration system.. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, Love your neighbor as yourself. Judge as you will be judged. WWJD about immigration? Justice with MERCY.

What does the Lord require of you??? He has showed you, O man, what is good. To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. LOVE BIG!

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