

POSITION PAPER

SANCTIONS NEEDED FOR COUNTRIES THAT DO NOT ACCEPT THEIR CITIZENS DEPORTEES FROM THE USA

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I acknowledge that the United States has been built on the talents and sacrifices of immigrants starting with the first settlers. While this nation has always accepted newcomers it did so by establishing a system of eligibility. America has never promoted open borders. In recent decades our nation has been burdened with an invasion of illegal aliens who have taken jobs away from American citizens and legal resident aliens and who are active participants in violent gangs and other illegal activities. It has been estimated that more than 25% of the inmate population in the jails throughout the United States are illegal aliens. These Illegal Aliens and their families are also a drain on our social services, schools, hospitals and the taxpayers.

There are approximately 11 million to 20 million illegal aliens currently in our country. When these people are caught, they are usually deported back to their own country. Many of them voluntarily self-deport after they are temporarily released, but many others must be forcibly deported back to their home countries.

The good news is that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has launched an ambitious nationwide effort called "The Secure Communities Initiative" that would deport the estimated 300,000 to 450,000 illegal immigrants locked up each year in jails and prisons in the U.S. In 2007, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) filed deportation charges against 164,000 illegal immigrants in jail, and removed 95,000. As part of the program, ICE will upgrade computer technology in jails and allow local jailers to access ICE's fingerprint database to quickly identify prisoners with immigration violations as they are booked. \$200 million in funding has already been allocated for the program this year and would add an unspecified number of ICE detention and removal officers. The first priority of the program is removing those convicted of major drug offenses and violent crimes including murder, manslaughter, rape and armed robbery. It is estimated that removing those offenders would cost around \$1 billion a year. ICE estimates the cost to remove all convicted criminal immigrants in custody would be \$2 billion to \$3 billion annually.

There is, however, a loophole in the deportation of illegal aliens because some countries have been refusing to take their own citizens back, both criminal and non-criminal. Currently, there are eight countries that are refusing to accept their own citizens from the United States who have been ordered to be deported from the USA. These countries are China, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iran, Jamaica, Laos, India and Vietnam. As 2008, these countries are refusing to repatriate a total of 139,000

individuals. More than 18,000 of them are convicted criminals and many have already been released back onto American streets.

It's time to close the legal loophole. I support legislation similar to legislation introduced by Congressmen Michael N. Castle R-DE and Charlie Dent R-PA, (HR-5761) back in April 2008 in the House of Representatives as a companion bill of *The Accountability in Immigrant Repatriation Act of 2008 (S-2720)*, which had been introduced by Senator Arlen Specter R-PA, in the Senate in March of 2008. These two pieces of legislation authorized sanctions against those countries that refuse to accept their deported citizens back. These sanctions are:

A) Countries that deny or unreasonably delay the repatriation of their nationals who have been ordered removed from the United States will not be eligible to receive any federal financial assistance from the United States, and

B) Discontinuing the granting of Visas to nationals of countries that deny or delay the acceptance of their deported citizens.

These two bills would require reports to Congress every 90 days on the countries which inhibit repatriation. Receipt of the report automatically triggers denial of foreign aid as well as suspension of visa issuances to the listed countries.

I propose the addition of two more steps in the process in case the above two procedures do not achieve their goals:

C) Impose "Sovereignty Tariffs" on all imported products from countries that refuse to repatriate their criminals and deportees, and if the sovereignty tariffs do not achieve the goals,

D) Impose a ban on the import of all products from any countries that refuse to repatriate their criminals and deportees.

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