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To:

10th District Residents

From:

Rep. Frank Wolf

Date:

May 30, 2007

Re:

**Senate Immigration Reform Bill** 

I thought it was important to make you aware that I do not support the immigration reform legislation recently introduced in the Senate. It is seriously flawed and includes provisions that would amount to a virtual amnesty for people who are in our country illegally, which some estimate to be 12 million people or more.

I do not support amnesty. Amnesty is an insult to all the law-abiding immigrants who have been waiting in line patiently and legally for their immigration number to come up. Such an amnesty would only intensify an already significant immigration problem and overwhelm our already overburdened social services and law enforcement systems.

When the House considered major immigration reform legislation in 1986, I voted to strike a provision in the bill to grant amnesty to those who had entered the country illegally. When that amendment failed, I voted against the House bill that included a legalization provision which subsequently became law. Judging from the immigration situation now in our country, I do not believe any fair minded person could call that legalization program a success.

It is critical that we get control of our borders as the first priority for any immigration reform effort. We also must do a better job enforcing the laws that are already on the books.

I hope this information is helpful.