

Immigration Battle to be fought in Courts not Congress

Dear Fellow American,

Our federal government has done little to stop illegal immigration.

So, towns like Hazleton, Pennsylvania and Valley Park, Missouri are taking matters into their own hands.

Both towns recently passed tough anti-illegal immigration laws that prevent landlords from renting to illegal aliens and prohibit businesses from hiring them.

In response, the radical ACLU and various ethnic legal groups have sued Hazleton and Valley Park to stop the implementation of these new laws.

MSLF is helping to represent Hazleton and Valley Park because it is critical we win this case against the ACLU and the pro-illegal alien lobby.

The outcome of these court cases could even impact the ability of your city or town to combat illegal immigration because scores of other communities are awaiting the outcome of these cases before passing similar laws.

Hazleton, Pennsylvania is a nice town of just 31,000 people that has been overrun by illegal aliens overcrowding the schools, courtrooms, jails, and emergency rooms.

So Mayor Lou Barletta – the grandson of legal immigrants – and the Hazleton Town Council did something our federal government has refused to do...

Hazleton actually passed a groundbreaking new law.

For taking this action against illegal immigration, the mayor has been smeared as a “racist,” he wears a bulletproof vest because of threats made against him, and his city is being sued by the ACLU.

Some cities might have the financial resources to take on the ACLU and various pro-illegal immigration groups, but given its small tax base, Hazleton cannot take on these left-wing legal giants alone.

This is why I’m proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with Hazleton Mayor Lou Barletta who is a real hero in the fight to stop illegal immigration.

And it is also why I am proud to defend Mayor Jeffrey Whitteaker and Valley Park, Missouri, which is taking strong action against illegal immigration before it gets too out of control.

Of course there were some in our legal team who questioned whether MSLF had the financial resources to help defend Hazleton and Valley Park.

MSLF already has a full docket of over forty cases that address critical constitutional issues, including defending provisions in Arizona's Prop 200 law that prevent illegal aliens from voting.

But because of the national implications of these cases, the importance of stopping illegal immigration, and our track record of success against the radical ACLU, our board decided MSLF must help Hazleton and Valley Park.

You see, the problems Hazleton or Valley Park faces could be in your community next because illegal immigration is spreading like a cancer.

Partly this is because Mexico and some other governments promote and encourage illegal immigration into our country.

Referring primarily to Mexico, Congressman Tom Tancredo said, "Governments are funding lobbying efforts here for us to open up our borders and give amnesty to all of their nationals here, because they want remittances that flow back to their countries."

Mexico has a cabinet level agency that does nothing but promote the "rights" of Mexicans living abroad, and its consuls regularly denounce law enforcement against illegal aliens as "inhumane."

These consulates have issued over 5 million "Matricula" ID Cards to Mexican nationals, which have become de facto driver's licenses that enable illegal aliens to open bank accounts, drive, and even buy homes in America.

Heather Mac Donald writes that former U.S. Ambassador to Mexico, Jeffrey Davidow said, "Mexicans view migration to the U.S. as a fundamental right."

They are taught in school about the evils of yankee imperialism and that California, Texas, and other southwestern states are really theirs.

In a 2001 Zogby Poll, 60 percent of Mexican respondents said the U.S. Southwest really belongs to Mexico and only 28 percent disagreed.

Clearly, Mexico's behavior is outrageous but our federal government must also be blamed for the illegal alien crisis.

In 2003, the federal government prosecuted only four businesses for hiring illegal aliens and too often it has a “catch and release” policy.

In addition, the respected Heritage Foundation predicts the crisis will get much worse. It estimates that if the immigration (amnesty) bill passed in the Senate becomes law, legal immigration will increase by 63 million in the next 20 years.

Obviously, there are special interests selling the future of our nation “down the river,” so to speak. These include businesses that hire illegals and angry ethnic separatist groups that protest and demand special rights for illegal aliens.

If we allow this massive immigration to continue, you and I will permanently lose the country we love.

~~Of course the ACLU and all these radical ethnic interest groups love illegal immigration. What better way to turn America into a socialist, multicultural “Tower of Babel” than to have open borders?~~

That’s why it is so important we stand up for communities like Hazleton, Pennsylvania and Valley Park, Missouri. The mayors and town councils of these communities are paying the price for the courage of their convictions.

Because these towns have done what our federal government refuses to do...stand up for the rule of law and the rights of U.S. citizens like you.

That’s why I hope you can support MSLF in this critical case with a donation of \$500 or even \$1,000.

Yes, I know this is a lot of money but given the money MSLF needs to raise to take on the ACLU and others, I am hoping you might be able to make such a generous gift.

Or, if this is too much, can you send \$250, \$100, \$50, or even \$30 so that MSLF can defend Hazleton and Valley Park?

Please remember, Mountain States Legal Foundation is a small public interest law firm that receives no support from the government. MSLF relies solely on contributions from patriotic citizens like you who respect the rule of law and the Constitution.

Recently MSLF has sent several cases to the U.S. Supreme Court, and we have more headed there in the future.

The *Adarand* case MSLF won several years ago outlawing reverse discrimination in public contracts cost nearly \$1 million in court costs, filing fees, expert witnesses, and specialized research.

So you can see why I am concerned about how MSLF is going to pay to defend Hazleton and Valley Park.

Simply put, MSLF cannot take on the ACLU and various pro-illegal alien legal groups without your support.

Your financial support of \$1,000, \$500, \$250, \$100, \$50, or \$30 is needed to counter the immense funding advantage the ACLU has against us.

It is outrageous that the Mexican government is dumping millions of people on our soil, while Congress and the White House twiddle their thumbs.

Please send whatever you can – no matter how large or small – to help MSLF stop illegal immigration.

If you can send \$50 or more, I will send you a signed copy of my latest book, *Warriors for the West*, which outlines the work MSLF has done in defense of your constitutional freedoms.

Before her recent death, President Reagan's Ambassador to the United Nations, Jeane Kirkpatrick, wrote, "*Warriors for the West* is 'the best evidence' of why I am a great fan and Freedom Club supporter of Mountain States Legal Foundation!" This is high praise from a great leader who I had the privilege to work with in the Reagan Administration.

The battle for control of our immigration policy has shifted to the courts. MSLF is in your corner but we could lose our battle with the ACLU without the support of patriotic Americans like you.

Sincerely,



William Perry Pendley
President and Chief Legal Officer
Mountain States Legal Foundation

P.S. Please read the enclosed letter from Mayor Lou Barletta of Hazleton, Pennsylvania. You may have seen him recently on **60 Minutes**. He's a real leader in the fight to stop illegal immigration.

Your financial support is needed right now to defend Hazleton and Valley Park. Please send your most generous tax-deductible gift of \$1,000, \$500, \$250, \$100, \$50, or \$30.

**A gift of any amount is appreciated but if you can give \$50 or more, I will send you a signed copy of my latest book *Warriors for the West: Fighting Bureaucrats, Radical Groups, and Liberal Judges on America's Frontier*.

Mayor Lou Barletta

Hazleton, Pennsylvania
Unofficial Business



Dear Perry,

I want to thank Mountain States Legal Foundation (MSLF) and all of your supporters for lending your legal support at this difficult time.

As you know, Hazleton is being sued by the ACLU and the Puerto-Rican Legal-Defense-and-Education-Fund because we passed a law that imposes tough penalties on landlords that rent to illegal aliens and businesses that hire them.

Since we are a small city with limited resources, MSLF's legal assistance is very much appreciated.

As the grandson of legal immigrants, I take the rule of law and citizenship very seriously.

I believe the United States is the greatest nation on Earth, and I believe legal immigration has helped our country in a multitude of ways.

But some people have taken advantage of America's openness and tolerance. Some come to this country and refuse to learn English, creating a language barrier for city employees.

Others enter the country illegally and use government services by not paying taxes or by committing crime on our streets, further draining resources.

Recent crimes - such as a high-profile murder, the discharge of a gun at a crowded city playground, and drug busts - have involved illegal immigrants.

Some of those allegedly involved in those crimes were detained by other law enforcement officials over the years, but were somehow allowed to remain in this country.

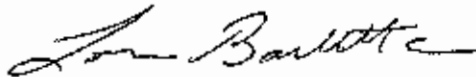
Illegal aliens in our city create an economic burden that threatens our quality of life. That's why I drafted and helped pass the Illegal Immigration Relief Act, a measure designed to say enough is enough.

This law says to illegal immigrants and those who would hire or abet them in any way, your time is up. You are no longer welcome.

There are thousands of communities across America like Hazleton, Pennsylvania. I hope our law will inspire other cities and towns to pass similar ordinances, but this will happen only if we prevail in court.

I can't thank MSLF and your supporters enough for the legal support you are lending Hazleton at this critical time.

Sincerely,



Lou Barletta
Mayor of Hazleton

P.S. It was good to meet with you recently. Like you, I believe this case has national implications similar to the Arizona Prop 200 case outlawing welfare for illegal aliens. Since MSLF has successfully defended Prop 200 against the ACLU, I'm pleased to have you in our corner during this fight. Thanks so much!

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-Jeane Kirkpatrick, Former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations

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Dear Perry,

I support MSLF's decision to defend Hazleton and Valley Park, which are being sued by the ACLU and other groups because they passed a law prohibiting landlords from renting to illegal immigrants and businesses from hiring them.

I agree with you that illegal immigration is out of control and that we must restore the rule of law. The Hazleton and Valley Park cases are important because the federal government has shown little interest in enforcing our immigration laws, and if this law is upheld, many other communities will pass similar ordinances.

Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation to assist MSLF with this and other important cases of:

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 \$100
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 \$30
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