

IN MY EXPERIENCE

by Val Don Hickerson, Bandon, Oregon

This is the latest in a series of fact based articles on global overpopulation. Immigration, both legal and illegal, and their offspring cause over 80% of population growth in the United States.

The Political Action Committee (PAC) of Oregonians for Immigration Reform (OFIR), ofir@oregonir.org, sent me a recent letter reminding me of my annual contribution and telling me some of their activities. Here are a few of them.

"How many sub-prime loans were made to illegal aliens? Have you ever seen this question asked in the main stream media? After months and months of the media all ignoring this critical question, a brave news station in California broke the story that over FIVE MILLION illegal aliens obtained mortgages over the last seven years.

"...Now President Obama is planning to extend health care benefits to the supposed 40 million uninsured people in the U.S. How many of the uninsured are illegal aliens? If there are 20 million illegals, that would be half!

"We already knew illegal immigration is wreaking havoc on our country, but who could have imagined that illegal aliens would bring down our financial system? And now illegal aliens are true justification for Obama's plans to spend billions and billions on so called healthcare reform.

"So many of today's problems are not just connected to illegal immigration, but they are a direct result!

"... Consider a few of OFIR's recent accomplishments:

1. Following years of constant pres-

sure from OFIR, Governor Kulongoski finally agreed to stop issuing drivers licenses to illegal aliens. Many Legislators have told us this never would have happened without OFIR's efforts.

2. After numerous protests and thousands of phone calls from OFIR members, Gov. Kulongoski caved and terminated the traveling 'Carousel' program where state agencies rolled out the red carpet for illegal aliens and allowed them to sign-up for state services.

3. OFIR successfully stopped over four consecutive legislative sessions' serious efforts by big-business and open-border groups to establish an in-state tuition program for illegal immigrants.

4. Successfully prodded many city police and county sheriff agencies into better cooperation with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

5. At every opportunity OFIR has given speeches all across Oregon to service clubs (Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis, etc.), college groups and classes at OSU, U or O, Linfield, Western Oregon, Portland State, Republican and Democratic Party meetings (and) the Portland City Club. In several public debates with leading opponents, OFIR Pres. Ludwick has spoken strongly for tighter immigration controls and against amnesties.

"We know the next amnesty battle is around the corner. OFIR must keep pressure on Congress to make E-Verify permanent. And we need to go on the offense and demand Congress and the Legislature make E-Verify mandatory for all employers."

For those of you who are not already OFIR members and feel their worth as I do, please contact them by the above email address or at PO Box 1438, McMinnville, OR 97128-1438, (503) 435-0141. I was certainly glad that I did and became part of their effort.

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