Schwarz, Lindsay

From: Betz, Steve
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2008 4:13 PM
To: Schwarz, Lindsay; Last, Jeffrey
Subject: FW: Pell Grant

The constituent listed below wanted me to forward this e-mail to JKK. He'd like a response from JKK if possible. He's a wee bit angry about the subject.

Steve

From: Renniego@aol.com [mailto:Renniego@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2008 3:45 PM
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Subject: Pell Grant

Senators, Hello!

Can you confirm the following e-mail is in fact true? I received it from an associate thus cannot state who the originator is.

Anyone from a foreign country is allowed to receive Federal Grants to go to college in these United States and do not have pay their fair share, however, as a retiree on fixed income paying my fair share of taxes, I'm paying for these aliens' education. Something is way out of kilter in our society if this is true.

I've checked the Internet and cannot confirm what I'm asking you.

If the above questions are answered in the affirmative. I want to see you address this in Congress to amend the Program to make it available to United States Citizens only!

Thanks for listening and please advise what action you may take to correct this disparity.

Pell Grant

This is a subject close to my heart. Do you know that we have adult students at the school where I teach who are not US citizens and who get the PELL grant, which is a federal grant (no pay back required) plus other federal grants to go to school? One student from the Dominican Republic told me that she didn't want me to find a job for her after she finished my program, because she was getting housing from our housing department and she was getting PELL grant which paid for her total tuition and books, plus money left over.

She was looking into WAIT which gives students a CREDIT CARD for gas to come to school, and into CARIBE which is a special program for immigrants and it pays for child care and all sorts of needs while they go to school or

training. The one student I just mentioned told me she was not going to be a US citizen because she plans to return to the Dominican Republic some day and that she "loves HER country." I asked her i f she felt guilty taking what the US is giving her and then not even bothering to become a citizen and she told me that it doesn't bother her, because that is what the money is there for!

I asked the CARIBE administration about their program and if you ARE a US citizen, you don't qualify for their program. And all the while, I am working a full day, my son-in-law works more than 60 hours a week, and everyone in my family works and pays for our education.

Something is wrong here. Right?
COMING SOON!

I am sorry but after hearing they want to sing the National Anthem in Spanish - enough is enough. Nowhere did they sing it in Italian, Polish, Irish (Celtic), German or any other language because of immigration. It was written by Francis Scott Key and should be sung word for word the way it was written The news broadcasts even gave the translation -- not even close.

Sorry if this offends anyone but this is MY COUNTRY - IF IT IS YOUR COUNTRY SPEAK UP -- please pass this along.
I am not against immigration -- just come through like everyone else.
Get a sponsor; have a place to lay your head; have a job; pay your taxes, live by the rules AND LEARN THE LANGUAGE as all other immigrants have in the past -- and GOD BLESS AMERICA !
PART OF THE PROBLEM
Think about this: If you don't want to forward this for fear of offending someone -- YOU'RE PART OF THE PROBLEM!
It is Time for America to Speak up

If you agree -- pass this along, if you don't agree -- delete it!

Yep, I passed it . Every time I get one of these I get furious... why do we bother to have a government that gives illegals or ungrateful foreigners money, meanwhile our own citizens suffer? Time to not only PASS THIS ON.. time to get rid of the poor excuses we have for government officials.... Legislators think we'll forget... let's start REMEMBERING!

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