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Mr. Bobby Cornett
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Dear Mr. Cornett,

Thank you for contacting me regarding United States immigration policies and specifically the DREAM Act. I appreciate hearing your thoughts on this important issue that has received a lot of attention.

I am strongly opposed to amnesty for illegal aliens. Advocates of the DREAM Act present the bill as amnesty only for those young children brought to America who then receive a college education or serve in the military. In reality, the DREAM Act is far from that.

- The DREAM Act is not for "kids." Illegal immigrants up to 30 years of age would qualify for amnesty under the DREAM Act.
- No illegal immigrant who applies for permanent legal status through the DREAM Act could be deported. This includes those aliens who have a criminal record. Simply submitting a DREAM Act application would result in a safe harbor for all illegal immigrants.
- Illegal immigrants will still be eligible for amnesty under the DREAM Act despite gang membership, misdemeanor convictions, DUIs and any of the following offenses: failure to attend removal proceedings, voter fraud, student visa abuse and marriage fraud.
- Illegal aliens would receive in-state tuition that is not available to legal immigrants nor U.S. citizens.
- Like other legal immigration laws, those given amnesty under the DREAM Act could sponsor their entire families for immigration.

DREAM Act supporters champion the link between education or military service and a pathway to citizenship. In both cases, this is a gross exaggeration.

- Illegal immigrants could meet the requirements in the DREAM Act even if they dropped out of high school and acquired a GED. What's more, illegal immigrants would have up to eight years to complete two years of school, regardless of whether or not they attained any sort of degree.
- The education requirement can be waived completely.
- Illegal aliens are only required to serve in the "uniformed services" branches of the government which includes the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or the Public Health Service.
- There is already a law that authorized citizenship for illegal aliens who serve in the armed forces.

- The "uniformed services" requirement can also be waived.

For all the reasons listed above, I voted against the DREAM Act on December 8, 2010 during the Lame Duck session of the 111th Congress.

Again, thank you for taking the time to contact me. I wish you the very best in life, and I hope you will continue to inform me of the issues that concern you. In the meantime, please feel free to visit my website at <http://franks.house.gov>.

Most sincerely,



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