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### SILENCE IS CONSENT - LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

**Violence at the Border—Against U.S. Law Enforcement. U.S. law enforcement personnel are not allowed to carry a weapon in Mexico. LETTING GUNS WALK.** Project Gunrunner. February 23, 2011. In late 2009, ATF was alerted to suspicious buys at seven gun shops in the Phoenix area. Sources told CBS News that several gun shops wanted to stop the questionable sales, but ATF encouraged them to continue. Jaime Avila was one of the suspicious buyers, and for the next year, ATF watched as Avila and other suspects bought huge quantities of weapons supposedly for "personal use," including 575 AK-47 type semi-automatic rifles. Two assault rifles found at the scene where Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry was murdered on December 14, 2010, matched two rifles ATF watched Jaime Avila buy in Phoenix nearly a year before.

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2011/02/23/eveningnews/main20035609.shtml?tag=contentMain;contentBody>. ATF Senior Agent John Dodson says what he was asked to do was beyond belief--intentionally letting guns go to Mexico. Assigned to the Phoenix office in 2010, Dodson's job is to stop gun trafficking across the border. Instead, he says he was ordered to sit by and watch it happen. Dodson and other sources say the gun walking strategy was approved all the way up to the Justice Department. The idea was to see where the guns ended up, build a big case and break up a cartel. ATF named the case "Fast and Furious." Dodson's bosses say that never happened; and now, he's risking his job to go public.

"I'm here, boots on the ground in Phoenix, telling you we've been doing it every day since I've been here," he said. "Here I am. Tell me I didn't do the things that I did. Tell me you didn't order me to do the things I did. Tell me it didn't happen. Now you have a name on it. You have a face to put with it. Here I am. Someone now, tell me it didn't happen." Dodson received the bad news about BP Agent Brian Terry from a colleague. "They said, 'Did you hear about the border patrol agent?' And I said, 'Yeah.' And they said 'Well it was one of the Fast and Furious guns.' There's not really much you can say after that." I felt guilty.

Sen. Charles Grassley, ranking member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, began investigating after his office spoke to Dodson and a dozen other ATF sources--all telling the same story. The response was "practically zilch," Grassley said. Read Senator's letter to the Attorney General at: [http://www.cbsnews.com/htdocs/pdf/Grassley\\_2011\\_03.pdf?tag=contentMain;contentBody](http://www.cbsnews.com/htdocs/pdf/Grassley_2011_03.pdf?tag=contentMain;contentBody). [http://www.cbsnews.com/htdocs/pdf/Grassley\\_201103\\_page24.pdf?tag=contentMain;contentBody](http://www.cbsnews.com/htdocs/pdf/Grassley_201103_page24.pdf?tag=contentMain;contentBody) Site for ATF email.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2011/apr/1/house-panel-subpoenas-atf-documents-gun-program/> April 1, 2011. House panel subpoenas ATF for documents on gun program. Rep. Darrell Issa, Chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, said a subpoena was issued to ATF for documents concerning "Project Gunrunner" and records the agency has on the shooting death of U.S. Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry. "The unwillingness of this administration--most specifically ATF--to answer questions about this deadly serious matter is deeply troubling. Allegations surrounding this program are serious and the ability of the Justice Department to conduct an impartial investigation is in question. Congressional oversight is necessary to get the truth about what is really happening," he said. The Justice Department has denied these claims.

On February 15, 2011, ICE Special Agent Jaime Zapata was murdered and his partner wounded in a drug cartel ambush in Mexico's San Luis Potosi state. The 7.62mm pistol found at the scene had been

purchased in Joshua, Texas. Three Dallas-area men are facing federal weapons charges (not related to Zapata's death) and an alleged boss in that Zeta drug cartel has been arrested in connection with Zapata's death.

**AMNESTY.** Below is some background information on Rep. Luis Gutierrez' press conference and meeting on April 2, in Providence, to promote his Change Takes Courage campaign:

<http://abcnews.go.com/images/Politics/memo-on-alternatives-to-comprehensive-immigration-reform.pdf>  
Memo to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Director Alejandro Mayorkas from four staffers. The subject is Administrative Alternatives to Comprehensive Immigration Reform. **TRANSLATION: ways to keep illegal aliens in this country without the knowledge and consent of Congress or American citizens.**

[http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=38f\\_1280502441](http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=38f_1280502441). **Memo Outlines Backdoor Amnesty Plan.** "In the absence of comprehensive immigration reform, USCIS can extend benefits and/or protections to many individuals and groups by issuing new guidance and regulations, exercising discretion with regard to parole-in-place, deferred action and the issuance of Notices to Appear," the staffers wrote in the memo, which was obtained by Sen. Charles E. Grassley. The memo suggests that in-depth discussions have occurred on how to keep many illegal immigrants in the country and talks about specific groups of illegal aliens to be protected. It also acknowledges that widespread use of "deferred action" (using prosecutorial discretion not to deport someone) would be "a non-legislative version of amnesty," noting several options for deferred action, including targeting it to students who would be covered by the DREAM Act. Sen. Grassley said, "This memo gives credence to our concerns that the administration will go to great lengths to circumvent Congress and unilaterally execute a backdoor amnesty plan."

This is why comprehensive immigration reform has gone quiet in Congress. This "campaign" of Rep. Gutierrez is being used to create a bits-and-pieces amnesty that the President wants to implement--**without Congress.** The memo contains the same terms Rep. Gutierrez is using in his "campaign." **THIS "CAMPAIGN" IS THE PUSH—AND IT WON'T BE THE ONLY ONE.**

**New amnesty assault starts in Rhode Island.** On Saturday, April 2, Rep. Luis Gutierrez, Chairman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus' Immigration Task Force, chose Providence as the first stop on his 20+ city tour for his "Change Takes Courage" Campaign against deportations of illegal alien parents of a child born in the United States. He urges the President to "**use the discretion the law already confers on him**" to put a "parole-in-place" program in effect and to have someone "frozen" rather than deported. He is using the same terms and talking points contained in the USCIS memo. He wants the President **to use his power under existing law** to spare immigrants (illegal aliens) with deep equities in the U.S.--including citizen family members, military service, and eligibility for the DREAM Act--from the fear of deportation.

We have not come here to ask the president to sign an executive order somehow relieving these families from being deported; we have not come here to ask for Temporary Protected Status. We understand he has the responsibility and obligation to enforce the law. We're asking him to **use the discretion that he has to implement the law** so that American citizen families can stay. Rep. Keith Ellison wants lawmakers and the President to take a **moral stance**: If people feel that they're being pressured to do one thing or another, pressure implies that you've got one force over here and a force on the other side, and you **feel the heat** as both sides descend upon you. But if one side says that **all you have to do is do the right thing, then the pressure you feel is the pressure you impose on yourself.**

Rep. Gutierrez' campaign, and other actions—outside the law and outside our form of government—are working toward a back-door amnesty to "legalize" 30+ million illegal aliens in this country, allowing them to bring in millions more family members and encourage even more illegal immigration that brings with it the **terrorists who hide among the illegal aliens.**

GO TO THE WEBSITES LISTED BELOW. READ—AND **UNDERSTAND—THE WORDS.** What they "say" they "are not" asking for is EXACTLY WHAT THEY "ARE" ASKING FOR. They are saying that the President has the POWER to do what he wants to do and that he should do it. We have seen this in everything the President has done. He takes a so-called "stance." Then "pressure" is put on to "oppose" that "stance," and then the president claims he has been put in a position where he has to grant the wishes of that "pressure." IT HAPPENS EVERY TIME.

Have you seen the movie “Wag the Dog”? It’s a scam! What you “see and hear” is not what is really happening. It is a show—a theater production—that has been **created** for you, and many people are still dumb enough to believe it. Maybe that’s the reason Rhode Island was the #1 stop on the tour—along with the fact that we have a large illegal alien population, huge numbers of illegal alien supporters, a capital city police department that protects illegal aliens, and a Congressional delegation and majority party at the General Assembly that will do anything Washington tells them to do. PAY ATTENTION. QUESTION EVERYTHING. EDUCATE YOURSELF

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vT125Y01W8s&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vT125Y01W8s&feature=player_embedded) press conference video

<http://www.cnn.com/2011/POLITICS/04/01/illegal.immigrant.families/>

[http://www.gutierrez.house.gov/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=655&Itemid=71](http://www.gutierrez.house.gov/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=655&Itemid=71)

[http://americasvoiceonline.org/blog/entry/legislators\\_launch\\_campaign\\_for\\_american\\_children\\_and\\_families1/](http://americasvoiceonline.org/blog/entry/legislators_launch_campaign_for_american_children_and_families1/)

**The Colonel Resigns.** On March 3, the Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police and Rhode Island Public Safety Commissioner, Col. Brendan P. Doherty, tendered his resignation to Governor Chafee, effective April 1, 2011. In a news conference that afternoon, The Colonel said he had been considering resigning since the end of 2010; he believes the agency is in good hands; and "It's time for me to move on." Where exactly he is going, he still hasn't said, only that he will decide in a few weeks and hopes to continue in some form of public service. "I really do feel a calling," he said. "It may sound a little weird, but I do feel I have a responsibility to the people of Rhode Island."

The future is open to The Colonel. He already has the respect of his peers and the general public inside and outside Rhode Island and all the qualifications needed for public service. He is an example of how to interact with people from all walks of life and still perform the duties and responsibilities of an intricate and difficult position—with the respect of all those under his responsibility. We would be extremely fortunate to have him represent Rhode Island in any capacity.

Col. Doherty, started his last day with the State Police by speaking to a student leadership class at Central High School. "Integrity is so important," he told them. "Your integrity and your values — don't ever compromise those." At headquarters later in the day he emphasized that theme again. In other states, he said, "There have been law enforcement agencies and prosecutorial entities that have compromised their own values. I made sure we never compromised ours. That was so important to me."

One thing he made sure to take with him was the “NO” sign he kept on his door as a message to those who might seek favors. “That goes with me,” he said. But first, he was going to top off Car One’s gas tank and apply Armor-all to the tires. “You have to leave your post better than when you found it,” he said. THAT IS THE COLONEL, AND HE WILL BE MISSED.

**Chafee Appoints O’Donnell.** At a news conference on March 7, Governor Chafee announced Steven G. O’Donnell, the U.S. Marshal in Providence and former second-in-command to Col. Doherty, as the next superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police. The Governor contacted O’Donnell immediately after Col. Doherty tendered his resignation and recommended O’Donnell to succeed him. O’Donnell is known and respected in law enforcement circles as an experienced investigator who rose through the ranks in the state police, from joining in 1986 to deputy superintendent, before leaving for the U.S. Marshal's appointment in 2009. O’Donnell said he and the governor discussed the Secure Communities Program, and the governor agreed to back it for violent offenders in custody. O’Donnell will assume his new duties at the beginning of June. Lt. Col. Raymond S. White will be acting head of the state police until O’Donnell is officially able to assume his duties. We wish you Godspeed, Colonel O’Donnell.

**Secure Communities.** On State of the State, April 3, RI A.G. Kilmartin said that he looks at the Secure Communities Program as a **law enforcement issue**—not an illegal immigration issue. Fingerprints are unique to each person, but they do not reveal anything (race, ethnicity, religion, etc.) about that person. The only change with Secure Communities is that the FBI coordinates with the ICE database. He said that if ICE were not a part of the program, there would be no issue.

State law already requires police departments to send fingerprints, on everyone charged with a crime more serious than an ordinance violation, to the Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI) in the Department of Attorney General, which sends it on to the FBI. If there is a match, the BCI and arresting department are notified. Under Secure Communities, the FBI will forward the information to a DHS ICE database. If the ICE database has the suspect in a priority category, such as a felony offender, **ICE moves to have the suspect held in custody**, either by local authorities or by immediately dispatching an agent to make

a pickup. The average response time to an electronic criminal fingerprint inquiry is 10 minutes. [http://www.projo.com/news/content/RI\\_Fingerprints\\_03-22-11\\_CLNOM6F\\_v186.1af79fb.html](http://www.projo.com/news/content/RI_Fingerprints_03-22-11_CLNOM6F_v186.1af79fb.html)

**Pare Explains Position on Secure Communities.** The police (Providence) are continuing to enforce arrest warrants for immigrants charged with federal immigration crimes despite a misimpression that may have arisen from the controversy over the city's resistance to the Secure Communities program, Public Safety Commissioner Steven M. Pare said. ***But they do not enforce federal detainees for civil immigration offenses.*** "It is my strong belief that the Providence police shouldn't be doing the work of immigration officers," he said.

Generally speaking, when someone enters the U.S. without authorization from the U.S. government or violates the terms of an approved visit or residency, that is a federal ***civil*** offense. But if that person is deported and then ***returns illegally***, that reentry is a federal ***crime***. ***Whether civil or criminal, an offense can result in deportation.*** If you're confused: Just being in our country ***illegally*** is only a ***civil*** offense. If a person is ***caught in the act of entering our country illegally, that is a crime.***

"We will arrest, and have arrested in the past, any ***criminal*** deportation warrants from ICE, and that hasn't changed," Pare said. And, if the police encounter someone named in a detainer (ICE notice and request to hold alleged ***civil*** immigration offender), they will ***alert ICE but will not keep that person in custody.*** Because ***detainers (civil)*** are not listed in the FBI criminal history database, the police would not routinely know if there was a detainer for an individual, he said.

<http://rhodeisland.onpolitix.com/news/35355/immigration-program-not-so-voluntary> **LOOPHOLE?** The Secure Communities Program is supposed to be mandatory—with no "opt out"—BUT . . . ICE is now telling local officials: The fingerprint sharing is between federal agencies, and local communities can't opt out of sending fingerprints to the federal government. Their only choice (local police departments), ICE says, ***is to not receive the results of the fingerprint check . . . So, just submit the fingerprints and then don't look at the report?*** Isn't that what the Providence Police Department is already doing?

**RIILE Welcomes New Citizens.** On March 4, as 39 new citizens left their naturalization ceremony at the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services office in Johnston, they were greeted in the parking lot by some members of RIILE and given American flag pins attached to red-white-and-blue cards that said, "RIILE Welcomes You As New American Citizens. Congratulations." Unknown to RIILE, USCIS has an unwritten, district-wide policy that community organizations and outside groups are not allowed to distribute materials at their venues at any time in order to keep the event as apolitical as possible. In a letter to Michael McCleary, USCIS acting district field officer, RIILE's Executive Director Terry Gorman apologized for the error. He said that because RIILE has been one of the most vocal organizations in speaking out against illegal immigration, we believe it is only right to thank those who have followed the correct path to citizenship. The organization has done this in the past at other venues, and he did not realize there could be a problem. In the letter, he also asked for permission to continue this practice at future ceremonies.

We are pleased to report that Mr. McCleary phoned Terry to tell him that the group will now be allowed to distribute the congratulatory cards on-site. Katie Tichacek, USCIS spokeswoman in New York, confirmed that Mr. McCleary gave Gorman "informal" approval and said, "They didn't issue anything in writing." RIILE will be on hand for the next ceremony.

R.I.I.L.E. meets the first **Tuesday** of every month, at **7 p.m.**, at the American Legion Club, 1108 Charles St., North Providence (corner of Remington St. next to Citizens Bank). Parking in rear. Please help us save Rhode Island.

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