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

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**In-State Tuition for Illegal Aliens.** [http://www.projo.com/news/content/IMMIGRANT\\_VOTE1\\_09-27-11\\_TAQK2V5\\_v13.6c526.html](http://www.projo.com/news/content/IMMIGRANT_VOTE1_09-27-11_TAQK2V5_v13.6c526.html) R.I. is giving the in-state college tuition rate to illegal aliens. The Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education (RIBGHE) went along with Governor Chafee (who appointed them) and voted unanimously to pass in-state tuition for illegal aliens despite the testimony of many American citizens, including several members of the General Assembly, against this “policy.” They completely disregarded the strenuous objections that this decision was being made by a **policymaking panel instead of the Rhode Island Legislature.**

This is just another example of how Rhode Island reflects what goes on in Washington. The smallest state, with one-party domination, and a governor who owes too much to too many, is a good experiment for Washington. Whatever happens there, happens here. If you can't get what you want according to the Constitution, just ignore it and do it another way. The end justifies the means and they get there by any means possible.

Sen. Glen Shibley told them, “This is not your decision to make. It's not a policy decision. This is wrong and everybody knows it.” In support of the “policy,” Rep. Anastasia Williams said, “I don't believe in segregation.” This remark was completely unnecessary, but she planted the seed. She was referring to where people in the audience were sitting who, in her opinion, had “segregated” themselves into two groups—those for the policy and those against the policy. Then she said, “To my right, the perfect makeup of the State of Rhode Island,” indicating a racially integrated group supporting the policy. “To my left, a group of individuals . . .” **AND SHE DIDN'T GO ANY FURTHER.** She was now referring to the large group of American citizens who came to protest the policy, and she completely dismissed us. Then she went on, “We're all taxpayers, legal or not. Education is key for all of our children in the state of Rhode Island.” Well, she is wrong. Education for the “children” (K-12) is mandated regardless of immigration status. Education for adult illegal aliens is not allowed according to federal law. And, they are not “taxpayers” because the tax at issue is the INCOME TAX. They cannot pay income tax because federal law does not allow them to work in this country. Yet, it is the INCOME TAX money of American citizens that is paying for illegal aliens.

A higher-education spokesman said that the laws authorizing the Board of Governors to run the public-college system give the panel the authority to set tuition, including the criteria for those eligible for Rhode Island resident rates. **BUT--The Board does not** have the authority change immigration status simply by calling illegal aliens “residents of Rhode Island.” If you are not a **legal** resident of this country, you cannot be a legal resident of any state.

The Supreme Court decided that all children in the United States must receive a public education, grades K-12, regardless of immigration status. At age 18 you are an adult—not a minor child--and you are not covered by that decision. Illegal aliens are not eligible for education beyond 12<sup>th</sup> grade. If they have

attended college or, indeed, graduated from college, they did not do it legally and were aided and abetted by those who allowed them to do it.

An “undocumented” student must file an affidavit with the institution stating that the student has filed an application for lawful immigration status or will file such an application as soon as he or she is eligible to do so. What, exactly, is “an application for lawful immigration status,” when can that be used, what are the requirements for that filing, what is the U.S. law covering it, and what is meant by “as soon as he or she is eligible to do so”? This is based on a “filing” that may never come through or a promise that may never be kept. Illegal aliens are not allowed—by U.S. law—to be employed in this country—with or without a college degree. So, what is the next step for Rhode Island—creating another “policy” to allow them to work—so they could not only displace American citizens in our colleges and universities but also displace American citizens in the job market?

Twelve states have passed laws to let illegal aliens pay the in-state tuition rate, but **Rhode Island is the first one to take that step as a matter of “policy.”** Eva Mancuso, Chair of the Government Relations Committee of the RIBGHE, said that higher-education officials are confident it can withstand legal challenges. **But those other states did it with a law—not a policy.** Five states have barred the in-state tuition: Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, South Carolina and Indiana. The 12 who allow it are: California, Connecticut, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, and Washington. Wisconsin did have in-state tuition for illegal aliens, but it was revoked in July 2011 as part of the 2011-2013 budget. A Utah Bill to revoke in-state tuition for illegal aliens has moved to the full House. Maryland has a statewide referendum coming up to revoke it there. Opponents have turned in more than twice as many signatures as needed to suspend the law and to force it to a statewide referendum. Adding to the citizens’ determination is a **deep mistrust among some over how the Democratic-controlled General Assembly spends taxpayer dollars.**  
<http://www.uncoverage.net/2011/07/maryland-petition-anti-dream-act-petition-the-clergy-the-laity-the-victory/>  
<http://potomacteapartyreport.wordpress.com/2011/07/01/tea-party-power-maryland-petition-drive-succeeds-beyond-wildest-expectations/>

Rep. Grace Diaz, Latino legislators, and advocates were not able to get in-state tuition for illegal aliens—**by law**--in the General Assembly. Every year since 2004 the in-state tuition bill for illegal aliens has **never come out of committee.** During the Carciari administration, they also didn’t get anywhere with the RIBGHE. But now, 12 of the 13-member Board are 2011 Chafee appointees, and the “policy” was unanimously approved. Chafee issued a statement the day before the vote saying that he supported the policy and that it would “improve the intellectual and cultural life of our state while strengthening our work force and helping our economy.”

This farce perpetrated on Rhode Island **citizens** takes the burden off the General Assembly. If they had voted on Diaz’ bill, their support for illegal aliens would have been out in the open, and the powers that be did not want that to happen. So, they used this back-door scheme. Members of the G.A. are **elected** by Rhode Island voters (**citizens**) and are supposed to represent the voice of the **citizens.** The RIBGHE is a **panel appointed by the governor.** They **do not** represent the voice of the **citizens** in Rhode Island, and they depend only on the governor to continue in their positions of power. American citizens want an explanation—and we want it from the **GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

<http://www.golocalprov.com/news/tui/> House Minority Leader Brian Newberry said there are a limited number of slots available at RI colleges and universities, and increasing enrollment rates will freeze out citizen students. “As elected officials, who do we represent: The **citizens** that vote for us, or those that violate law and are here illegally?” Rep. Joseph Trillo said that we are already educating 3,000 children in our elementary schools who do not have legal immigration status, and taxpayers are paying. “We already give away health care, housing subsidies, disability and daycare benefits. We’ve become the giveaway state, and it’s putting us in a black hole that we can’t get out of.”

Michael Joyce, Director of Program Administration for RI Higher Education Assistance Authority, said that the decision to grant in-state tuition will have no impact on whether or not these students would be eligible for state or federal aid programs. **“They would not be eligible. The application for both programs requires students to have a social security number and meet certain requirements in regard to residency status.”** Do you trust that? Consider this: [http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2011-07-25-california-dream-act\\_n.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2011-07-25-california-dream-act_n.htm) California law opens private aid to illegal students (AP) California gives illegal aliens in-state tuition rates at public colleges, and now Gov. Jerry Brown has signed a bill for them to **receive private financial aid.** AB130 is the first of a two-bill package called the California Dream Act.

He did not address the **second bill, to give illegal aliens state-funded scholarships and financial aid.** That bill, AB131, is in the state Senate.

<http://standwitharizona.com/blog/2011/09/24/az-attorney-general-to-community-colleges-no-in-state-tuition-for-illegals/> AZ Attorney General to Community Colleges: NO In-State Tuition for Illegals. Arizona's legislature first tried to ban in-state tuition for illegal aliens in 2005, but then-Gov. Janet Napolitano vetoed the bill (Are we surprised?). So the very next year, voters overwhelmingly (71%) approved Sen. Russell Pearce's Proposition 300 to ban the practice at state schools. But some state community colleges, such as the Maricopa County Community College District, attempted to skirt the law by allowing illegal immigrants to continue to qualify for in-state tuition as **part-time students**. So Senate President Pearce and Sen. Linda Gray asked Arizona A.G. Tom Horne for his legal opinion on whether MCC could get away with this trick to benefit illegal aliens--and Horne said no way. State law clearly bars community colleges from granting illegal aliens in-state tuition under any circumstances.

[http://ballotpedia.org/wiki/index.php/Arizona\\_Public\\_Program\\_Eligibility,\\_Proposition\\_300\\_\(2006\)](http://ballotpedia.org/wiki/index.php/Arizona_Public_Program_Eligibility,_Proposition_300_(2006)) Arizona Public Program Eligibility, Proposition 300 (2006) Passed 1,060,444 to 423,994. State Treasurer at the time, Dean Martin, stated that the measure has saved millions of dollars, which has allowed programs for legal residents to prosper. He sponsored the measure when he was a state senator in 2006. Martin argued that the state is eventually paid back from legal students because of the higher income taxes that they obtain after college. He stated that illegal immigrants who don't legally work in the United States cannot pay the state back as a result. According to Martin: "When we're talking about college students, we're not talking about children anymore. "At this point, you are responsible for following the law yourself." Details of Proposition 300 are at the website.

**LATE BREAKING DEVELOPMENT** [http://www.projo.com/news/content/Welcome\\_RI\\_2\\_10-02-11\\_NHQMUGS\\_v9.95621.html](http://www.projo.com/news/content/Welcome_RI_2_10-02-11_NHQMUGS_v9.95621.html) Proponents say new in-state tuition policy 'tenuous' In the wake of last week's controversial decision by the Board of Governors for Higher Education to allow undocumented students to pay resident tuition at public colleges, proponents regrouped, and only cautiously rejoiced. "The reason we need to continue in our efforts is it's a tenuous change," said Roberto Gonzalez, an immigration lawyer and a former chief judge with the Providence Housing Court. "I think we need to nail this down with legislation." Gonzalez was one of about 200 people to attend Saturday's Welcoming Rhode Island Conference, conducted by the International Institute Rhode Island, and the most notable topic was in-state college tuition for undocumented students. "People are up in arms about this," said William Shuey, Executive Director of the Institute. "We want to defuse that." Supporters of the tuition policy change said they hope it will withstand legal challenge, and hope it will be approved by the legislature. But we are approaching an election year, said Rep. Grace Diaz, D-Providence. (This is one of those things that makes you say "HmMMM, what's really going on?")

**Driving "Permits" for Illegal Aliens.** Calling it a step that would help illegal immigrants work or go to school or simply better their lives, Governor Chafee wants to talk to Utah to see if their special driver permit program would work in RI. But he did acknowledge the fact that people who are here illegally cannot legally work or drive because they lack Social Security cards and driver's licenses. [http://www.projo.com/news/content/UNDOCUMENTED\\_STUDENTS\\_DRIVING\\_09-28-11\\_CAKKE0\\_v57.755c2.html](http://www.projo.com/news/content/UNDOCUMENTED_STUDENTS_DRIVING_09-28-11_CAKKE0_v57.755c2.html)

<http://publicsafety.utah.gov/dld/drivingprivilegecard.html> Obtaining a Utah Driving Privilege Card (DPC). Effective July 1, 2011, the requirements for obtaining and renewing a driving privilege card have changed due to changes in **legislation**. <http://publicsafety.utah.gov/dld/newdpclaw2011.html> During the 2011 legislative session, SB138 Driver License Qualification Amendments was passed **into law**. All applicants for a DPC must obtain and submit **a completed applicant fingerprint card and photograph before applying for or renewing a DPC**. Read the article to see that they seem to have left a loophole about who they will report. And, applicants must get an Individual Taxpayer ID Number from the IRS. The ITIN is issued by the IRS only to certain people and only for tax-reporting purposes. Years ago the IRS wrote to the Department of Motor Vehicles in every state to tell them that an **ITIN is not valid identification because it does not guarantee that the holder is in this country legally**.

Again, Bills have been introduced regularly in the G.A.—and also hidden in a Bill supposedly regarding alcoholic beverages--to give drivers' licenses to illegal aliens, but they have **never come out of committee**. Is this the next "policy" decision for the governor, which would, again, spare G.A. members from having to vote and reveal who their real constituents are?

<http://www2.turnto10.com/news/2011/sep/28/chafee-discusses-tuition-illegal-immigrants-driver-ar-762163/> **A MUST-SEE VIDEO!** Chafee discusses in-state tuition and driver's licenses for illegal immigrants with Channel 10's Bill Rappleye. He is "surprised at the outcry" on in-state tuition and says that drivers' licenses have been an issue raised by the immigrant community at every meeting with them. He said he goes on Hispanic radio stations and meets with Latino groups, and they raise that continually, saying that there are undocumented people driving already without licenses, and they don't have insurance. He thinks this is more of a threat to Rhode Island drivers, having cars that are not insured and having people without valid licenses, getting the eye check and the like, and also the revenue that could come in to the DMV if there were some kind of procedure. **Governor, how many meetings have you had with American citizens who oppose illegal immigration and oppose bearing the burden of them being here? NONE! Watch the video and see him sell us out even more.**

[http://www.projo.com/news/content/CHAFEE\\_ILLEGAL\\_IMMIGRANTS\\_09-29-11\\_RQKQV4S\\_v73.7159b.html](http://www.projo.com/news/content/CHAFEE_ILLEGAL_IMMIGRANTS_09-29-11_RQKQV4S_v73.7159b.html) Governor Chafee waited only 18 hours after granting in-state tuition rates for illegal aliens before stating that he now wants to give them drivers' licenses. RI Senate Republicans said Chafee's policies and ideas "will only serve to encourage more illegal immigrants to move to Rhode Island" and that immigration issues belong before lawmakers. "I find it disappointing with the recent outcry about in-state tuition being granted for illegal aliens to attend our state universities that the governor would now follow up with another proposal to allow for driver's licenses," said Sen. Francis T. Maher. "This is yet another insult to the Rhode Island citizen and taxpayer." Wendy Schiller, a political science professor at Brown University, said, "The question is: Is Governor Chafee just going to ignore federal immigration law? And is it fair to ask Rhode Islanders in a time of a bad economy to have Rhode Island be a fully open sanctuary state?" Chafee spokeswoman Christine Hunsinger said it is too soon to say whether Chafee would seek an **administrative or legislative route** should he pursue the permit idea. At the same time, a bipartisan group of state lawmakers has unveiled a bill aimed at clamping down on illegal immigration in Massachusetts, sparked in part by the traffic death of Matthew Denice in Milford who was killed by an illegal alien driver. <http://boston.cbslocal.com/2011/09/26/bipartisan-group-promotes-bill-to-crack-down-on-illegal-immigration/>

<http://630wpro.com/goout.asp?u=http://630wpro.com/sectional.asp?id=18074> Update: Senator Cote: "The Governor is out of control" – 9/28/11. "The governor is somewhat out of control in that it is clear he wants to do anything he can to make RI a sanctuary state," Cote told WPRO's Tara Granahan and Andrew Gobeil. Cote, a proud sponsor of the Senate E-Verify bill, said, "I just think we have to get the message out that the spirit of our government is being violated by a governor who has his own agenda." Terry Gorman of Rhode Islanders for Immigration Law Enforcement said that Governor Chafee's reasoning proves he is condoning illegal activity in allowing undocumented people to remain in RI and gain benefits. Senator Cote agreed, "In essence we are saying is that in Rhode Island there are no consequences for illegal immigration, that in fact we will reward it by giving you privileges." **In 2003, Governor Gray Davis of California signed similar legislation to grant drivers' licenses to illegal immigrants and was re-called with thirty percent of voters reporting that they wanted him re-called as a result of the legislation.**

You can bet that within hours of Governor Chafee's sanctuary policies (in-state tuition and driver permits), the network for illegal aliens had spread the word across our country and to foreign countries—that Rhode Island is the place they want to be.

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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