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PERRY CRITICIZES PRESIDENT ON PLANS FOR 'EXECUTIVE AMNESTY'
FILES SB 185 TO HELP ADDRESS THE PROBLEM

LUBBOCK, TX – Today, Senator Charles Perry criticized President Barack Obama on his unlawful decision to push “executive amnesty” in the near future. Additionally, he filed SB 185 to put an end to sanctuary cities that encourage illegal immigration to the State of Texas.

“The American people spoke loud and clear on Election Day that they want real solutions to our immigration crisis, not amnesty,” said Senator Charles Perry. “It is shameful, arrogant, and unconstitutional for our President to pursue this catastrophic policy through executive action, rather than allowing our democratically elected officials debate its merits in the halls of Congress.”

Estimates indicate an upwards of 4.5 million illegal immigrant adults with children, roughly the equivalent of the population of Louisiana, would be allowed to stay if the president goes through with his proposed plan.

“With the stroke of a pen, the President could exponentially grow spending on our already out-of-control entitlement system,” continued Perry. “This would not only amplify our \$18 trillion national debt but also place an undue burden on our state and local communities’ core services.”

A recent study by the Center for Immigration Studies showed that immigrants accounted for 42% of growth in Medicaid enrollment since Obamacare. Infusing millions of new immigrants into the system will only exasperate this growth.

“I look forward to working with Lt. Governor-Elect Dan Patrick to find ways Texas can address immigration and this massive overreach from the federal government,” continued Perry. “SB 185 is a common sense measure that will address the ongoing problem of sanctuary cities in Texas and hopefully open up dialogue on what other measures we can pass at a state and federal level to solve our crisis in illegal immigration.”

Currently, many cities across the state put into place policies that prevent law enforcement from inquiring about a person’s immigration status or sharing information on their status with the federal government. SB 185 will prohibit local governments from adopting policies that prevent them from enforcing state and federal immigration laws.

“One of the things that have made America truly great is that we are a nation of immigrants,” continued Perry. “We should never forget that, but we must ensure that the rule of law is upheld and that people are coming here legally through the proper means.”

If you have any questions or comments about this bill or any of Senator Perry’s legislative agenda, please feel free to contact Travis McCormick at 512-463-0128 or Travis.McCormick@senate.state.tx.us.

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