

NEBRASKA TAXPAYERS FOR FREEDOM ISSUE PAPER:

AXIS OF EVIL: BIG BUSINESS & THE LEFT ENCOURAGE ILLEGAL ALIEN AMNESTY.

BACKGROUND. As stated in a previous NTF research paper, Big Business represented by the NE Chamber of Commerce and the NE Left represented by the usual suspects like the NE-ACLU held earlier meetings to discuss how to lobby elected officials to grant amnesty to illegal aliens. Their reasoning is that they have a common interest, though their objectives differ. Big Business in this low unemployment state seeks cheap labor for employers. The leftist groups want amnesty for illegal aliens who have no background or knowledge of true representative government and eventually will vote for Socialist Democrat candidates. This sordid union of interests we call an axis of evil.

INITIAL RALLY. About 60 leftist and business groups rallied at the State Capitol to announce their axis that seeks to change state and federal policies and laws to allow additional illegal aliens to work and reside in Nebraska. One of the main speakers was Bryan Slone, president of the NE Chamber of Commerce. He voiced alarm for the alleged 80,000 jobs here that have no work applicants. Slone believes that the only solution to filling these vacant job positions is to hire illegal aliens.

THE PLAN. A surreptitious alliance formed 2 yrs. ago between Chamber leaders and Omaha Together One Community, a “social justice” group called by conservatives the Omaha Trotskyites & Other Communists. Using the misleading name of NE Alliance for Thriving Communities, this coalition includes a number of labor and leftwing groups. One of their objectives is to give amnesty to about 2,500 recipients of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) who live in NE plus about 2,000 other illegals enjoying temporary protected status (TPS) given them by Democrat administrations. The Axis leadership plans to meet with our congressional delegation and state and local officials to promote its nefarious objectives and demand enabling legislation. The Axis



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promotes a number of demands inimical to NE taxpayer interests. Its members want to vastly increase the number of illegal alien federal employment visas, permit spouses and working age children of TPS visa holders to hold jobs, and accelerate funding for immigration courts to more rapidly allow legalization, claiming that too many judges show high asylum denial rates. In FYs 2018-2023, Omaha immigration judges rightfully denied asylum in 90% of cases. At the state level, the Axis demands easier regulations for illegals to obtain drivers’ licenses, acceptance of professional licenses from foreign countries, and granting of unemployment

insurance benefits to DACA and TPS recipients. The Axis supports eliminating the seasonal requirement for agricultural employers who employ immigrants under the H-2A program, to allow them to work here all year. They want congressmen to expand work authorization for those here on student visas. The Axis demands taxpayer-subsidized Obama Care for DACA illegals, despite the fact that our NE Att.-Gen. Mike Hilgers joined 14 other states to sue the Biden Regime to stop these illegals from gaining Obama Care benefits. The case is still working its way through the federal court system. Axis proponents want to use tax increment financing (TIF), a tool that shifts increased property taxes onto residents, to provide subsidized housing units for illegals in NE cities. Also, taxpayer-subsidized child care and subsidized transportation for illegal aliens. Allowance for illegals to bring in their entire families and relatives. Expansion of the refugee resettlement program. The Axis demands more English as a 2nd Language teachers for our public schools. Their proposal would stamp permanent residence on illegal aliens, followed by citizenship rights.

AXIS MEMBERS. Prominent among Axis members is the radical left NE Appleseed, rotten to the core from championing illegal aliens. Also, Nebraskans for Peace, OTOC, the NE-ACLU, immigrant lawyer groups, leftist immigrant and refugee organizations like Lutheran Family Services, leftwing Hispanic groups, NE Chamber of Commerce, Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce, Kearney Chamber of Commerce, North Platte Chamber of Commerce, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Hastings Multicultural Center, Heartland Workers Center, Teamsters Local 554 and several other unions, the NE State AFL-CIO, Omaha Federation of Labor, United Methodist Mercy & Justice Team, Justice and Mercy for Immigrants, NE Clergy Action Network, NE Hospitality Association, NE State Education Association, and Urban Abbey.

OUR REBUTTAL. Slone stated that immigration built this state. Yes, by LEGAL immigrants. The Axis of Evil actually discriminates against lawful Nebraskans. DACA and TPS illegal aliens residing here take jobs from lawful citizens, who themselves suffer discrimination if lacking bilingual skills. Illegal aliens steal higher learning slots, such

as entrance to medical school. Thankfully, no one yet from our NE Capitol Hill delegation endorses Axis objectives. "My position is the same: that we need to secure the border first," stated Sen. Ricketts. The main reasons that NE suffers so many job vacancies include our high taxes and overly generous welfare system. Some seeking gainful employment are migrating to states with lower tax rates. Too many able-bodied adults allowed to benefit from our welfare system instead of being required to become self-sufficient financially. Fulfilling Axis objectives will mean the replacement of much of our state population. The most recent state census shows that Latino populations are fueling over 75% of our state population growth, while the White population shrinks. Already, Nebraskans residing in communities like Crete and Lexington feel like strangers in their own land.



COST TO NE TAXPAYERS. Illegal aliens supposedly pay millions in state and local taxes, however, the costs to taxpayers from their presence vastly outweighs this alleged contribution.

Many illegals receive work payments in cash, bypassing the payroll tax system. Federation for American Immigration Reform in 2023 calculated that illegal aliens burden the average NE household \$440 annually. \$275.2 million to pay for 22,963 illegal alien children in our public school classrooms. \$27.2 million to pay for law enforcement, legal, and incarceration costs. Illegal aliens bear much of the responsibility for smuggling in fentanyl and other illegal drugs and for sponsoring organized sex trafficking rings. The Axis champions DACA Dreamers, but the Nebraskans murdered by illegal aliens had dreams also, victim families robbed of their offspring dreams. Millions more in health care and welfare costs like Medicaid. The 56,000+ illegal aliens residing in NE cost local property taxpayers an enormous sum for these services at a time when property owners are literally begging the Legislature for relief from spiraling property valuations and subsequent taxes.

TAKE ACTION NOW. President Trump thankfully promises mass deportations of 11 million illegal aliens residing in the U.S. and suspending refugee resettlement, which would gratefully stifle all the Axis initiatives. However, NE taxpayers must take action in our 2025 legislative session when the Axis inevitably will attempt to convince state senators to adopt its nefarious proposals. Prepare to lobby your state senator and testify in person at committee hearings to counter Axis personnel and organizations. Do not wait! Using the content above, lobby your current state senator today and newly-elected senators following the Nov. 2024 election. Email netaxpayers@gmail.com for state senator contact information and join our *NTF Project Immigration*.

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