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Alloway Encourages Action on Illegal Immigration

CHAMBERSBURG – 33rd State Senatorial District candidate Rich Alloway has endorsed a plan to stop improperly documented immigrants in Pennsylvania from gaining access to public benefits, such as medical assistance, food stamps and other social welfare benefits that Pennsylvania taxpayers provide.

Rich Alloway, candidate for the state Senate, has announced his support of a plan introduced by Senator Joe Scarnati that would prohibit improperly documented immigrants who are living in Pennsylvania from receiving public benefits, including Medicaid, welfare and in-state college tuition.

"While we wait for our federal legislators to reform our United States immigration problem, Pennsylvania should do all it can to protect the interests of our law-abiding taxpayers," Mr. Alloway said. "The citizens of the 33rd Senatorial District should not be forced to sacrifice their hard-earned dollars to support illegal immigrants."

Mr. Alloway supports the plan that would ensure that the Commonwealth's more than 100,000 improperly documented aliens face tighter scrutiny when applying for services.

"It's time we make it harder for those individuals who are in this state illegally to obtain benefits," Alloway said. "This plan should have no effect on non-citizens who work to keep our businesses running. It focuses on those who are here illegally living on the public dole of our taxpayers."

Mr. Alloway supports a plan that would require anyone requesting public benefits in the Commonwealth to provide authentic documentation proving they are legal residents. Additionally, they would be required to sign an affidavit stating they are a U.S. citizen or an alien lawfully present in the United States.

Mr. Alloway also believes that any applicant signing the affidavit stating that they are a legal alien should have their status verified through the Federal Systematic Alien Verification of Entitlement Program (SAVE), operated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. "Resolution of the dysfunctional immigration policy is a federal problem that will only be resolved by Congressional action. My hope is that the debate is broadened and Congress and the next President take action to protect America."

"We need to protect our citizens and discourage illegal activity, that's why I lend my support to this plan and intend on co-sponsoring this legislation when I am elected," Alloway said.

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