

March 14, 2019

**Re: HB 2932 in the House Committee on Judiciary**

Dear Chair Williamson, Vice-Chairs Gorsek & Sprenger and members of the Judiciary Committee:

HB 2932 is disturbing and baffling to me as it appears to be designed to shield lawbreakers from detection.

Disturbing because it is just the latest example of a continuing and long-running effort on the part of our elected officials to protect individuals who have no right to be in Oregon and who may have violated additional laws besides U.S. immigration statutes.

Along with the flagrant violation of the 2014 Measure 88 mandate currently underway with HB 2015, HB 4111 in 2018, HB 3464 in 2017, SB 833 in 2013 and several other pieces of legislation, the Legislature continues to support and protect lawbreakers and encourages them to enter our state.

Have you read about the massive fraudulent document business in Woodburn? Or the Eugene *Register Guard's* review of the methamphetamine epidemic? This is what happens when you make it easy for illegals to settle here.

Baffling because I have to follow the law. Under federal law (see below), I believe I could face stiff penalties for doing what the Legislature and Governor have done. All of you took an oath to uphold the law but apparently the Legislature and Governor get to pick and choose which laws they want to respect.

You were elected to represent Oregonians, not foreign nationals. I urge you to reject this bill.

Sincerely,

*Jerry Ritter*

(as a private citizen)

**1907. Title 8, U.S.C. 1324(a) Offenses**

Title 8, U.S.C. § 1324(a) defines several distinct offenses related to aliens. Subsection 1324(a)(1)(i)-(v) prohibits alien smuggling, domestic transportation of unauthorized aliens, **concealing or harboring unauthorized aliens, encouraging or inducing unauthorized aliens to enter the United States**, and engaging in a conspiracy or aiding and abetting any of the preceding acts. Subsection 1324(a)(2) prohibits bringing or attempting to bring unauthorized aliens to the United States in any manner whatsoever, even at a designated port of entry. Subsection 1324(a)(3).

Alien Smuggling – Subsection 1324(a)(1)(A)(i) makes it an offense for any person who – knowing that a person is an alien, to bring to or attempts to bring to the United States in any manner whatsoever such person at a place other than a designated port of entry or place other than as designated by the

Commissioner, regardless of whether such alien has received prior official authorization to come to, enter, or reside in the United States and regardless of any future official action which may be taken with respect to such alien.

Domestic Transporting – Subsection 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii) makes it an offense for any person who – knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that an alien has come to, entered, or remains in the United States in violation of law, transports, or moves or attempts to transport or move such alien within the United States by means of transportation or otherwise, in furtherance of such violation of law.

Harboring – **Subsection 1324(a)(1)(A)(iii) makes it an offense for any person who – knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that an alien has come to, entered, or remains in the United States in violation of law, conceals harbors, or shields from detection, or attempts to conceal, harbor, or shield from detection, such alien in any place, including any building or any means of transportation.**

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