

NPG BLASTS NAPOLITANO ON IMMIGRATION POLICY

DECRIES LACK OF CONCERN FOR IMPACT ON U.S. POPULATION GROWTH

Alexandria, VA (December 3, 2009)—Negative Population Growth (NPG) President Don Mann has expressed serious disapproval of the Obama Administration's plans to proceed with immigration reform with the goal to accommodate – rather than remove – the estimated 12 million illegal immigrants now here.

In a letter responding to a recent speech of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano outlining the Administration's plans for dealing with America's immigration and border security problems, Mann agreed that “it is time to confront immigration head-on before it creates even more economic and social havoc within our states and communities.”

He added, however, that, “in all of the major discussions I have seen related to this issue...one critical aspect is consistently overlooked and must be brought to the forefront in any policymaking: the disastrous impact increased immigration will have on population growth and our ability to preserve a livable future for our children and grandchildren.”

Mann found it unacceptable to permit 1.2 million or more legal immigrants per year to add to America's population burden, explaining that “The continued issuance of hundreds of thousands of work permits yearly to foreign workers at a time of 10.2% unemployment suggests that the essential link between existing immigration policy and the national interest has ceased to exist.”

Mann stressed, “Yet, what will most weaken any potential now for the nation to stabilize its population will be a sweeping amnesty. It would ensure the permanence here for approximately 12 million illegal immigrants now present, lure additional illegal immigrants, and trigger a new cascade of family reunifications.”

NPG has been working to get Congress to create a U.S. Commission on Population Growth to address population challenges. The organization works to focus elected officials and policymakers on the critical need to rein-in population and immigration before we grow to a nation of 450 million people by 2050.